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Tories rally in support of Thatcher

Rumours dismissed as City gets jitters

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Senior Tory MPs yes-terday rallied to support the Prime Minister as jitters about her position as leader helped to undermine the pound and forced aides at No 10 to quash City rumours that she had resigned.

Throughout the day, anxious callers telephoned her office and the media to check if the resignation rumours were true.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, in an effort to calm a nervous party and the financial markets, denied that there had been discussion at Cabinet level about Mrs Thatcher stepping down in favour of an agreed replacement. He dismissed speculation about a change of leadership as having no

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is on a two day visit, the Prime Minister denied speculation that there was anxiety among her Cabinet colleagues over the Government's political fortunes. "I find no nervousness in the Cabinet at all," she said in an interview with BBC

Scotland, "I think we have the

The pound yesterday registered its second biggest fall since the resignation of the former Chancellor Mr Nigel Lawson, with a drop of 1.1 in the Bank of England's effective rate index to 86.6. Against the dollar it was down 2.70 cents by late afternoon to \$1.6165, compared with its previous close, and down 3.95 nnigs against the mark to _Page 19

most united and co-operative Cabinet I've ever had during my whole term."

Loyalist MPs see the latest round_of speculation about Mrs Thatcher's position as inevitable given the decline in the Government's fortunes, its low level in the opinion polls and the immediate difficulties it is facing over implementing the community charge.

Moreover the Government has been under strong attack from all sides of the Commons this week over its response to the DTI report into the Fayed brothers takeover of Harrods and the House of Fraser.

Sir Geoffrey, the deputy Prime Minister, said that the party's standing in the opinion polls had not dropped as low as it had during the last two Parliaments. He said: "We have to keep our nerve and make sure we are applying ourselves with the right determination to explaining policies which are essentially the right policies."

Asked whether there had been discussions about the possibility of Mrs Thatcher standing down in favour of an agreed candidate, Sir Geoffrey said: "No. There has been no suggestion of that at Cabinet

He said rumours about a change of leader had re-

surfaced every year or two for the last 11 years. "There is no substance in it."

A spokesman at No 10 described the rumours, which started in the Far East, as typical bunkum and bal-

Despite Sir Geoffrey's efforts the City remained nervous and by the end of trading the pound had fallen three cents against the dollar.

Although the Prime Minister is under pressure from even some of her supporters on the right wing of the party she is unlikely to give up the leadership without a fight. Her opponents are also hampered by the lack of an obvious agreed successor, and the prospect of a strongly fought contest for the leadership could damage the party

At Westminster it was said that the interests of several potential successors to Mrs Thatcher would be best served if she continued in office until after the next election, giving them more experience

Mr Michael Heseltine, whose leadership bandwagon is taking him across the country addressing countless meetings, said he did not think there would be a challenge to Mrs Thatcher's position. "There is no contest There is no likelihood of a contest. We should concentrate on putting over our

policies." In Scotland, at the end of another bad week for the Government, Mrs Thatcher rounded on critics of the community charge from within her own party in typically robust fashion.

She said those who had spoken of the charge as "political cyanide" were incorrect and blamed some of the opposition on the fact that she was a woman.

If some of the decisions she had taken had been made by a man the reaction would have been "my goodness, great leadership, courageous, just what we expect of a leader".

Face of protest behind the hand of Militant



A protester hides the masthead of the Militant newspaper at a poll tax demonstration in Sheffield yesterday, while hurling abuse — and later a blow — at Marc Aspland, a photographer for *The Times*. Full reports and photographs, page 4

Shopkeepers fear more looting

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

Sheffield councillors were locked inside their chamber yesterday while a 1,500-strong demonstration tried to force their meeting to be abandoned. There were skirmishes as a hundred police officers moved in to disperse the

crowd. Some were attacked tial reserves would be ready wark councils were due to with missiles of flour, red for any repeat of the violence pepper and eggs, but there seen at Hackney on Thursday halls were sent home early as pepper and eggs, but there were no arrests.

Shopkeepers in areas of south London closed and boarded up their shops on police advice early last night as two more councils met to debate or fix the poll tax.

Scotland Yard said substan-

when a crowd of up to 5.000 fought police.

Hundreds of officers were expected to be on standby after extra officers had to be drafted to Hackney when trouble broke out there.

Both Lambeth and South-

preparations were made for potentially heated meetings.

In Brixton shopkeepers were urged by police not to leave valuables on display. Nalgo had called for a demonstration outside the town hall in case of job cuts.

Kinnock attacks 'toytown' rebels

Nigel Williamson and Stewart Tendler

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday branded extremists who resort to violent protests against the community charge as "toytown revolutionaries" playing straight into the hands of the Government.

In the wake of the latest and most vicious scenes around the country's town halls the Labour leader also laid down the law to his own MPs who plan to refuse to pay the new tax, accusing them of "luxurious self-righteousness". The Labour Party will not, he said. play "fast and loose" with democracy.

There were signs yesterday that some of the 31 MPs who have backed the "don't pay" campaign are paying heed.
Three of them, including the
two Hackney MPs, Mr Brian
Sedgemore and Ms Diane
Abbott, said yesterday that
they would be paying their they would be paying their poll tax. Ms Abbon agreed with Mr Kinnock that it would be irresponsible to encourage others not to pay.

Mr Kinnock's attack on the extreme left, made at the annual conference of the Scottish Labour party, came as London police counted the cost of the riot outside Hackney Town Hall on Thursday, when between 3,000 and 5,000 demonstrators clashed with police in the largest incident yet produced by the controversy over the tax.

Yesterday the first of 60 people arrested during the riot - in which 33 people were injured - appeared before a London magistrate as police geared themselves up for the possibility of fresh trouble in south London. Two other councils were due to debate or set poll taxes.

Last night the highest poll tax believed yet to have been set was fixed by Haringey council at £572 after five hours of debate. Earlier this week the council halted debate

after a stormy meeting.

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NUM probe into Scargill claims

dent, and secret Libyan funds. The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting of the union's national executive

committee. However, there was no discussion about any possible libel action by Mr Scargill, or by Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, against the Daily Mirror or Central Television's Cook Report, which made the allega-

tions earlier this week. It is understood the committee was shown documents which Mr Scargill said supported his case that the allegations were unfounded. However, the union issued

only a brief statement. It said: "The national executive committee at its meeting on March worried by the decision.

An independent inquiry is to 9, 1990, unanimously accept be set up by the National the recommendations of the Union of Mineworkers to national officials to appoint an investigate allegations about independent inquiry into the Mr Arthur Scargill, its presi- allegation made by Central Television and the Mirror Group of Newspapers against

"The NEC agree that the

the national officials.

inquiry should consist of an eminent QC whose terms of reference shall be to investigate the allegations made by Central Television and Mirror Group Newspapers in respect of the national officials' accepting money alleged to have come from Libya in December, 1984, and Soviet finances alleged to have come into the funds of the NUM, and the allegation that in December, 1984, the officials used money alleged to have come from Libya to pay off personal mortgages/loans.

Central TV said it was not

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UK company sought to manage Gadaffi plant

By David Sapsted and Alan George

set up the Libyan factory pharmaceuticals. which the West claims is producing chemical weapons, admitted yesterday that he was still involved with the installation and was negotiat-ing with a top British firm to

Dr Ihsan Barbouti, a London-based businessman who works from an office in Chelsea, has consistently sup-ported the claim of Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, that the so-called Technology

An Iraqi engineer who helped Centre is producing only "I am not 100 per cent but 200 per cent sure that these reports are nothing," Dr

Barbouti, aged 62, said, dismissing claims from Wash-ington, Bonn and London that the factory at Rabta has been producing mustard gas and

the nerve agent Sarin. "As far as I know, the plant is not complete," he added.



President Bush: Decided to make the call to hoaxer

Iran moved quickly yesterday to make diplomatic capital out of Washington's embarrassing admission that President Bush discussed the position of the US hostages in Lebanon with a telephone hoazer purporting to be the President of Iran.

The hoax call from a so far unidentified individual was made about a month ago and Council, "The call came in, a number was given for us to

spokesman said. "But ul-

"Iran is so important that the biggest power in the world, the biggest bully on Earth tried to contact its officials by telephone. Watch out for their explanations. A new Irangate is unfolding in Washington." Mr Fitzwater and other

White House officials said that President Bush placed the call after a man identifying himself as an Iranian government official called the White House to say that President Rafsanjani wanted to talk to Mr Bush about the hostages.

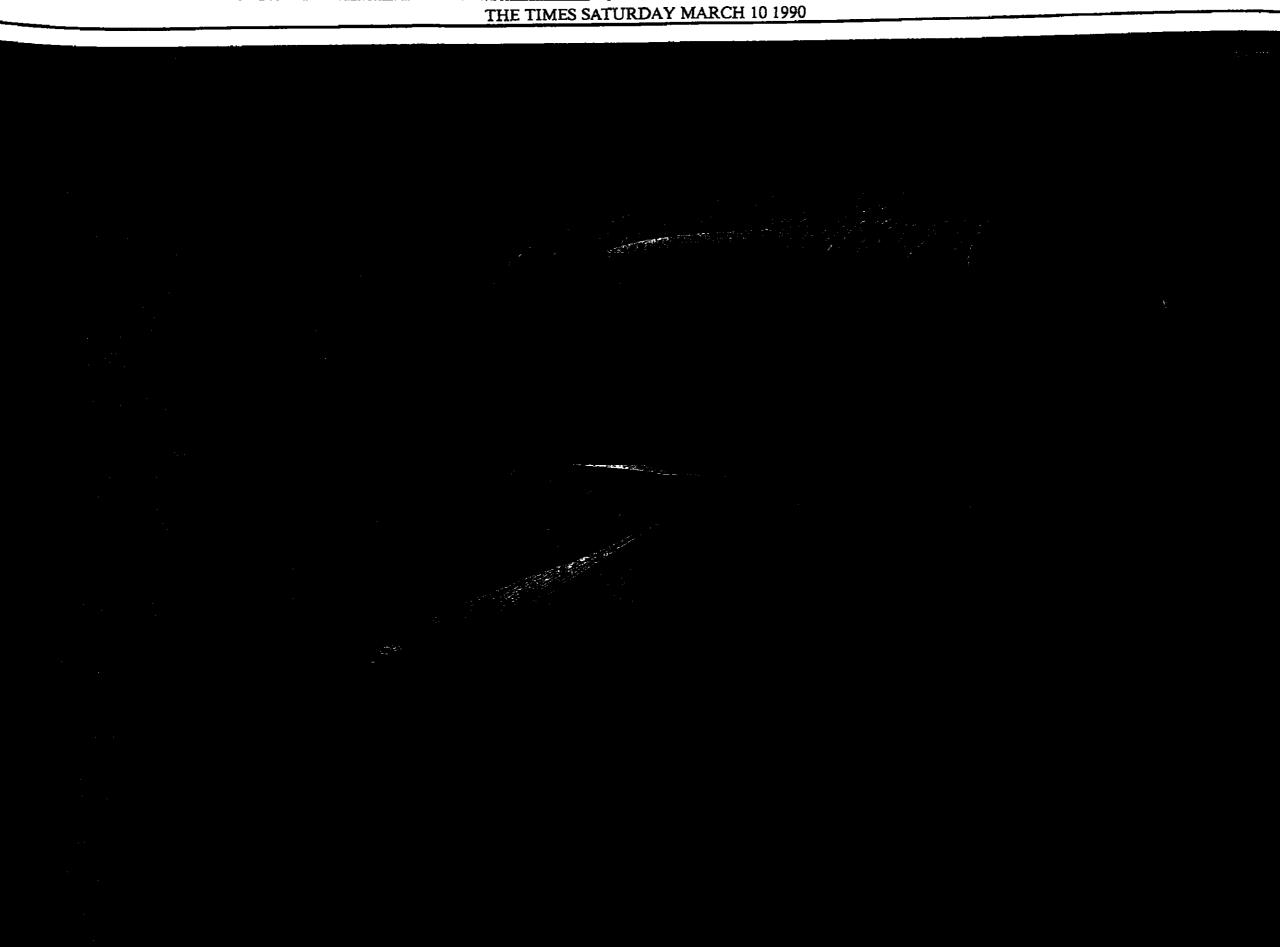
White House officials refused to answer further questions about the affair.

Tehran pokes fun at Bush hoax call From Christopher Walker Cairo Fitzwater, the White House of this"; he said in a sermon.



timately, the President needed to make the call as part of the check. He did make the call." During Friday prayers broadcast by Tehran Radio. President Rafsanjani boasted that Mr Bush had been trying to telephone him for a month, without success. He claimed that the episode underlined the "confused policy" of the White House and the ineptiwent first to a senior member tude of US intelligence, which of the US National Security could not identify who the US President was talking to. "America is very much in call. We were suspicious and need of talking to Iran and, hegan checking," Mr Marlin praise be to God, is deprived

A better life through clearer hearing



SIX LAYERS OF PAINT PROLONG THE LIFE OF THE CAR. A SEVENTH PROLONGS THE LIFE OF THE DRIVER.

The engineers at BMW had a clear vision of what they wanted to achieve with the 5 Series.

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With this in mind, they devised a unique rain simulation experiment.

During wind tunnel tests on the car, at the development stage, water was added.

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weather was recreated at a single stroke. The rain was impregnated with a special

Using ultra-violet light, the engineers were able to record the pattern of rain dispersal.

fluorescent paint and blown over the car.

What they found was that the wipers cleared the windscreen perfectly well.

And the aerodynamic design of the car filtered most of the rain away.

But, to be honest, not all.

In fact, what rain was left stayed mainly on the side windows.

So a little lateral thinking was called for.

The specially designed rain traps around the windscreen and the door mirror housings were modified until rain was successfully deflected clear of the side windows.

Another ingenious development is BMW's wiper system, fitted to the 530i and 535i.

When driving at speed, the engineers

noted that headwinds and crosswinds caused the blades to lift off the windscreen.

To remedy this, they designed a motor in the driver's wiper pivot that increases pressure on the screen as the car increases its speed.

So there is no lift off during take off.

But there's further evidence of BMW's enlightened attitude towards safety; every model is fitted with ellipsoid headlights.

They don't reflect the light in the way that a conventional headlight does.

They project it through a special lens.

Which means they're 30% brighter and better directed so as not to blind oncoming drivers, while minimising back glare in fog.

One more dazzling feature is the antidazzle rear view mirror.

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OF THE MIND

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Five of The Times

Tournament of the Mind,

with prizes including

£5,000 and a computer.

And, for those who

missed the earlier

rounds, the first four are

repeated on page 44

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Must businessmen

choose between God

and Mammon? Next

week, a conference

sponsored by The Times

and the Comino

Foundation will consider

the question. And,

PORTFOLIO

Office of Fair Trading proposals to restore confidence

Rogue estate agencies face tough laws

fidence in the industry are called for in a report by Sir Gordon Botrie, Director-General of Pair Trading, published

He calls on ministers at the Department of Trade and Industry to extend the Trade Descriptions Act to cover property sales.

However, because more urgent action is necessary, he Trade Descriptions Act and supposts a range of misdemeanoms should be included in emilations under the Estate Agents Act. This means that for the first time firms could strengthening the use of the he hanned for the way they Estate Agents Act. operate, rather than for crim-ingl offences.

Sir Gordon said that consimers needed more protec-tion immediately. I have been examining estate agency in detail for more than two years. During that time there as been widespread criticism of estate agents who, as a result, have an unenviable public image — which is unfortunate for those prac-titioners who conduct them selves honourably and

He said he was convinced

Tough laws to protect the seems to me that the best way public from unscrupulous es- of helping consumers in the the agents and restore con- short term is a small but descriptions should be warned effective package of statutory, or banned for persistent of obligations, targeted on spe-cific abuses."

discuss a code of practice with estate agents by Mr Eric Forth, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Industry and Consumer Affairs. He was also asked to examine the possibility of extending the

Family Money ..

He published a consultation paper last September, but the latest report lists his firm

recommendations. The Government is likely to accept the measures for regulations under the Estate Agents Act. Extending the Trade Descriptions Act will need legislation, and Sir Gordon says this should be done "as and when legislative time becomes available".

Sir Gordon says "health warnings" should be included in estate agents' contracts to explain obscure terms, such as

Agents who give misleading. fences under the Estate Agents Act until the Trade Descrip-Sir Gordon was asked to tions Act is amended to extend to property.

There should be a ban on estate agents who push up prices on the basis of false information that a higher competing offer has been received.

Sir Gordon says agents should be discouraged from trying to pressurize purchasers into using other services, such as a mortgage or insurance, and from discriminating against them if they do not.

Estate agents should be required to disclose in writing the fact that they or associates are involved in buying or selling a property. The report proposes that information about estate agents' com-mission and other charges should always be given inwriting, and additional offences should be taken into account in deciding whether to ban individual agents from

Sir Gordon does not support the introduction of minimum competence standards

dards and not professional fiths, Labour spokesman on tion of the recommendations Trade Descriptions Act. by the secretary of state.

"I also want him to under-

take that he will not hesitate to

introduce licensing to crack down on irresponsible agents

if the sharp practices con-tinue," Mr Griffiths said.

Surveyors and Incorporated competence, Mr Nigel Grif- Society of Valuers and Auc- petence for agents, "It has tioneers applanded the report consumer affairs, called for for recommending that estate
the immediate implementa- agents should be subject to the It also welcomed the pro-

posals to prevent estate agents. from pressurizing consumers to accept other services in "tio-in" sales.

The two groups were disappointed, however, that the

therefore missed the opportunity of bringing under control the fringe cowboy element."

ESTATE AGENTS ACT

Powers to warn or ban serious or persists offenders who mislead in advertisements

Ban on estate agents bidding up prices.

'Health warnings' to be included in estate

Agents required to disclose in writing their involvement in buying or selling property.

Pressure to take agents' other services, like

charges always to be given in writing.

finance, to be discouraged.

agents' contracts to explain obscure terms

TO INCLUDE:

The National Consumer Council, one of the bodies most critical of agents, has also welcomed the report. "We hope that the Government will act quickly to stamp out dubious practices by a minority of cowboy agencies."

The National Association of ened his recommendations

between commercial flexibil-

ity and consumer protection. The Office of Fair Trading report comes in the wake of severe criticism of estate agents from consumer bodies. Last month the National

Consumer Council asked for life bans on agents who trick clients, and a report by the Consumers' Association masszine Which? described ways in which some agents were allegedly cheating their customers

The director-general had hoped that a voluntary code of conduct within the industry could be established, but no agreement was reached. The report states: "Clearly there is no immediate prospect that participants in this highly fragmented industry can agree on the content and enforcement of a voluntary code and consumer redress scheme".

Sir Gordon said: "I regret this, but the matter is essentially in the industry's own hands." He said, however, that he was willing to discuss with the industry any reasonable proposals for a voluntary code and redress scheme, provided these extended across the whole sector. In the absence of agreement on a code, Sir Gordon has strength-

starting on Monday, we will publish the three keynote papers

Investment plan for £6,000 win

The winner of yesterday's £6,000 Portfolio Platinum prize, accumulated over three days, was Mrs Rona Humby, of Broadstairs, Kent. "I was very lucky to scoop the jackpot - although I took it all in my stride," Mrs Humby said.

"I have done the competition every day since it started and never expected to win, despite coming close." Mrs Humby intends to invest most of her windfall. "I don't know whether to bay shares or put it in the building society but my hasband will take care of it.

steps. Should be taken to sole selling rights, with adfore estate agents. He argues ensure that the public was not vice that parties should not that most complaints about harmed by malpractice. It sign unless they agree to such agents concern ethical stan-Home-vending fraternity laments the demise of 'all mod cons'

By Robin Young

Estate agents' particulars may never be the same again. With their stic licence, always more ic than poetic, revoked once nd for all, where will one find "a wealth of exposed beams", a "deceptively spacious bedroom", apartments "benefiting from their intments", or houses ng superb and uninter-

Estate agentese was the language everyone loved to loathe. Never a bouse by a railway track that was not "convenient for transport", nor a decrepit rain that could not boast

taine period charm". Really, it ented no problem for those who were experienced in the ways of the home-vending fraternity. "Handsome", for instance, as in "a handsome freehold shop premises", had a precise and exact ing. If was "agly".

Similarly, "period facade" meant "interior wrecked"; "carefully planned" indicated there was no room left for a cat, let alone for swinging it; "lovingly restored" meant flock wallpaper, and "period features" translated as draughts.

A corner shop and an off-licence became "extensive shopping facil-ities"; "in need of redecoration"

meant previously squatted; and "in warning that the place was structurally dangerous

To tell the truth, the punters loved it. My own first house, on the main lorry route known as Balls Pond Road in Hackney, east London, came described as "on the borders of leafy Canonbury". The chutzpah of it still delights me. But the rot had already set in.

Not long ago the Advertising Standards Anthority upheld a com-plaint against an advertisement for ment of flats and houses in Chiswick Place which described it as "nestled within Chiswich's

rural landscape" on the nit-picking. pedantic grounds that it was actually beside a railway line and close to two main roads.

Estate agents took some pride in their profession's emphemisms. Mr Tony Halstead of the Roy Brooks agency had a favourite, for a house in Friera Barnet in north London. It was described as "directly abutting beautiful farmland". It was next to a sewage farm.

Mr Halstead compiled the works of the exceptional agent who made his reputation by defying the conventions. He collected the late Roy Brooks's advertisements from the

Pimlico and Mud, Straw and

A typical Brooks ad ran: "Fashionable Chelsea, Lamont Road. Do not be misled by the trim exterior of this modest Period Res. with its dirty broken windows; all is not well with the inside. The decor of the nine rooms, some of which hangs inelegantly from the walls, is revolting. Not entirely devoid of plumbing: there is a pathetic kitchen and one cold tap. No bathroom of course, but Chelsea has excellent public baths. The pockmarked basement fir indicates a thriving community of woodwrong with the property." Other gems included "the filthiest house I have seen for a long time" and "Dirt cheap, bring your own torch".

That tradition is not quite dead. A recent list from Camden Bus in Camden Town, north London, of-fered one flat "ideal for troglodytes"; "a shoebox above video shop in Strond Green" and "a squalid little two-bedroom ex-council flat in a grossly overpriced location, with a lived-in sort of kitchen and loud decoration".

But it is not quite the same as

Guinness man had qualms but kept silent

A Guinness financial director decided not to make his reservations known during the company's £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers after a discussion with his supervisor, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Simon Duffy, director of strategy and finance at the time of the 1986 takeover, said he had intended to speak to Sir Norman Macfarlane, a nonexecutive director. However, after a discussion with Mr Olivier Roux, the Guinness finance director, he had de-

cided against it. Mr Duffy told Southwark Crown Court he had become concerned about Guinness's relationship with a Swiss bank, Bank Leu, after reading a newspaper article. He had even thought of resigning.

However, Mr Roux, a key prosecution witness, had told him: "Can you say for sure there is anything wrong with all this?"

In addition, Sir Norman had seemed "in some diffi-culty emotionally". Mr Duffy said the Guinness bid for Distillers was "chaotic".

Mr Ernest Saunders, aged 54, the former Guinness chairman, Mr Gerald Ronson, aged 50, head of the Heron group; Mr Anthony Parnes, aged 44, a city stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, a finan-cier, deny charges of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

Mr Peter Keehan, a non-executive director of Guinness in 1986, told the court that he had received little information during the takeover battle against Argyll in 1986. Confronted, Mr Saunders had told him: "I had as much information as I needed."

The trial continues on Monday.

Mother jailed for 'wicked' cruelty to son she rejected

well-furnished rooms, he

spent long periods in the attic.

Evidence was given that the

The boy was made an

outcast in the family. The

court was told his mother's

husband was not his natural

He gave evidence from

He never had meals with

the family and was not given

Christmas, which he spent in

stairs. He was allowed a light

The mother had told the

court her son was locked in the

he was naughty; she said he

was treated no differently

The court was told that

physical and mental state had

behind a screen before the case

was adjourned last week for

friends outside.

A mother who locked her son and social workers visited his mother's council house in aged 11 in a cold, dark attic for Wolverhampton after his teacher noticed his hands were long periods was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment bruised and his face puffy. yesterday for her "wicked" Although the other children

Mr Geoffrey Kamil, the in the house had clean and Wolverhampton stipendiary magistrate, said there had to be a custodial sentence after room smelt of urine and had a hearing evidence that the mother, aged 29, rejected the bed and sleeping blanket and a boy, one of her five children, pot for a toilet. and locked him in an attic "cell" used for keeping snakes and spiders as pets.

She had denied neglecting her son and assault causing father. actual bodily harm. She showed no emotion as she was sentenced. Her son is now in the care of the local authority.

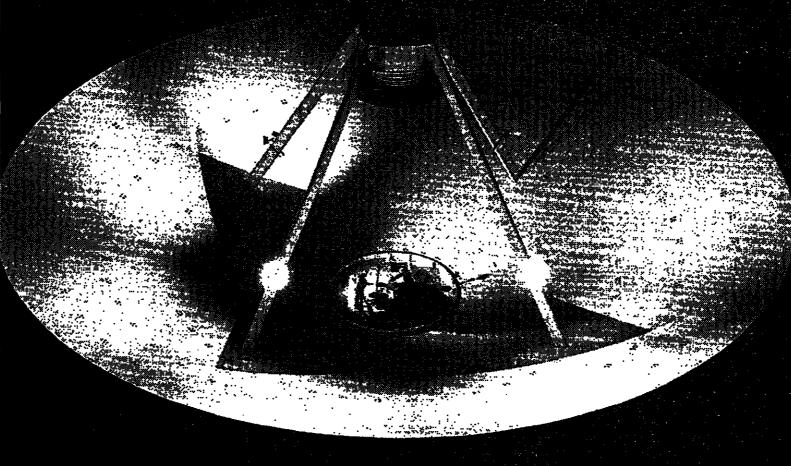
sentencing. He told the mag-istrate his attic room had Mr Kamil said her cruelty could have affected the boy for boards over the window to prevent him waving to his the rest of his life, and added: You rejected him in favour of your other four children and condemned him to spend presents for his birthday or most of his time locked in a room constructed to keep the attic while the others enjoyed themselves downsnakes and spiders, in disgusting conditions

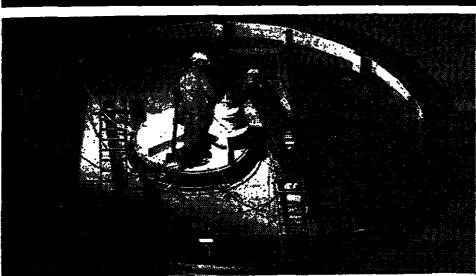
He said the mother had in the attic only when he did shown no remorse, had conhis homework. His mother cocted her defence and lied to would then remove the light the court, "You may have conned the authorities for bulb. years but you have not conned this court.

"It is hard to send a woman attic for only 10 minutes when like you to prison but you have got to realize you cannot hide behind your children in a from her other children. matter as serious and wicked as this. All offences against since the boy was taken into children are abhorrent to soci- care four months ago, his čtv." he added.

The court was told the boy improved. A full care hearing was underweight when police is to be heard next Friday.

A matter of millimetres for future star-gazers





Mr Steven Hardwick, left, and Mr Steven Haruwick, ien, and his brother Philip, coastraction engineers, working through the night to perfect the measurements of the new radio telescope being built at Lords Bridge, Cambridge.

The dish, made of several hundred aluminimum plates independently mounted on a steel framework, has a diameter of 104 feet, but measurements must be exact to within one-teath of a millimetre

(Robin Young writes). To do that, the men have to work several hours after sunset, when the dish has cooled to an even temperature after

When it is commissioned at galaxies and black holes. the end of the year, the new

known as Project Merlin (or the British Multi-Element Radio-Linked Interferometer Network), doubling its base line to 200 km.

The project's present six telescopes were completed 10 years ago. The longer base lines will improve the resolu-tion achieved through the system by a factor of four.

The telescope will also link Britain with Merlin's counterpart on the Continent, the European Very Long Base Interferometry system, en-abling astronomers to look deep into the centre of distant Photographs: Peter Trievnor

Protection racket trial

Undercover WPC feared for her life

yesterday that she feared for her life when the alleged leader of a public house protection racket claimed she was a policewoman and produced a knife.

The policewoman, who was carrying two concealed tape recorders at the time, told the Central Criminal Court she decided then to give Frank Salmon £200 alleged protec-tion money in marked notes.

"My fears were that Salmon would take my handbag and discover the tape and stab stable, giving evidence under a pseudonym, said. The tape of the alleged conversation was

enham, east London, denies 16 wounding, violent disorder, causing grievous bodily harm corrosive liquid with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Also in the dock were: Stephen Mitchell, aged 25, memployed, of Curzon Crescent, Barking, east London; his unemployed brother Bobby, 30; Cary Pollard, 33, memployed, of Wellington

played to the court. Mr Wanstead, east London; and Salmon, aged 34, of Dag-Donald Meason, 24, a roofer, of The Shaftesburys, Barking. charges, including four of All deny various joint charges with Mr Salmon, although Mr firearms, two of affray, two of Pollard admits throwing corr-Pollard admits throwing corr-osive liquid with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The court was told that Mr Russell Holt, 2 mobile discotheque owner, fled after Mr Salmon and two other defendants demanded half his takings. Mr Holt was followed home and attacked by four men, three of them wearing halaclavas, the jury was told. Mr Holt said his ankle was broken by a pool cue, ammouia was squirted in his eyes, and knife slashes in his hand and

Bruce Houlder, for the prosecution, alleged Mr Salmon ran the protection racket with armed men and threat ened publicans in east London.

"He did his best to set up what I can only describe as his own private empire based on the sort of protection which was so much an evil in this country during the 1960s," Mr Houlder said. He alleged that there was shooting in two bars, pub-

licans were threatened, their staff frightened or beaten up, and two men had ammonia squirted in their eyes. The case continues

Review launched on dangerous dogs

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent New laws aimed at curbing the criminal underworld and has destruction of a dangerous saying there is something

growing threat to the public posed by dangerous dogs are being planned by the Govern-ment, the Home Secretary Mr Waddin disclosed vesterday.

Among ideas being considered is requiring owners to muzzle them when in public places and limiting the number that can be taken out at from America. any one time.

Mr David Waddington said a review had been launched in State in his department, to the wake of mounting concern about exotic and ferocious new breeds such as the

This 130lb cross between an mastiff, Rottweiler or Rhode- ing owners and new powers

been described by an RSPCA inspector as a "Darwinian

Mr Waddington said he was concerned at reports this week that bandogs, bred from crossing pit bull terriers with bigger breeds such as Rottweilers, were being imported, mainly

He has asked Mr Peter Lloyd, an Under-Secretary of prepare urgently a list of options for tightening the law, which was stiffened as recently as last August.

The previous review led to sian ridgeback is sweeping the for the courts to ensure the enforce. "The trouble about of dog."

were wide enough.

Mr Waddington continued: "I am looking at the matter crossbred or a thoroughbred. again because I think it's a certainly can't be met by bringing in a dog registration

"One's got to see whether our laws are tough enough to terribly fierce dogs."

dog. But he said it was about a particular breed which necessary to ensure the powers makes it inherently dangerous and evil is that you never know when you have got a

"You have got to look to see very serious situation, which how fierce dogs can be controlled and how the public can be protected against them," he

"Until recently all the focuses were on Rottweilers. give sufficient protection to Now the Rottweilers are old the public against people who hat and they are talking about take around the streets these bandogs. I don't want a schedule to a Bill which spells out all But Mr Waddington said he these breeds because some did not favour a ban on bright spark will start some American pit bull terrier and a tougher penalties for offend- certain breeds because it more inter-breeding and will would be almost impossible to finish up with some other type

NEWS ROUNDUP

from lorry tank

A Turkish lorry driver was charged last night after customs carrying out a random check at Ramsgate discovered 50kg of heroin concealed in a partition of his vehicle's diesei fuel tank (Robin Young writes).

Ihsan Uskupluoglu, aged 27, is to appear at Dover magistrates court today. The 50kg load is thought to have a value of about £10 million, though Turkish heroin is often of

Mr Bruce Davies, for the customs, said that the long carrying carpets had come from Ankara through Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Belgium

and had crossed the Channel in a freight ferry.

He said there had been no tipoff and described the discovery as "a cold pull" from a random check carried out on lorries coming from Turkey, which is known as a source of hearing.

Fishing plea rejected

The Government has rejected requests for financial aid, according to Mr Willie Hay, president of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes). The request was made at a meeting with Lord Sanderson, Fisheries Minister at the Scottish Office, when fishermen were told of new measures, starting tomorrow, to reduce North Sea haddock fishing by 30 per cent.

"We believe .. fishermen should be paid to decommission vessels," he said. "The EC pays 50 per cent of start words and Delain and Laland are the only members."

such grants and Britain and Ireland are the only members not taking advantage." Lord Sanderson's response, he said, was that the Government could consider intervention only if the Scottish fleet was in a state of "terminal decline".

£112m aid for Ireland

The European Commission yesterday approved a £112 milfilion contribution to a four-year government initiative to fight unemployment in Northern Ireland. The aid brings to £173 million the funding for two schemes to provide job prospects for more than 8,500 long-term unemployed and to provide training for about 45,000 under-25s. The programmes are the first large schemes to be assisted. grammes are the first large-scale schemes to be assis under the Community's new Social Fund programme.

V&A staff questioned

Two members of the curatorial staff of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London have been arrested after alleged thefts of money from the museum, police said yesterday. The arrests were made at the V&A on February 23 and the two members of staff, a man and a woman, have been released on police bail. Inquiries are continuing. Police said that neither member of staff has been charged. The names

Green roads criticized

Ambitious plans to line motorways with trees to soften the environmental impact of the Government's £16 billion road expansion programme were denounced as dangerous and irresponsible yesterday (Michael Dynes writes). An article in *Transport Engineer*, published by the Institute of Road Transport Engineers, highlighted the dangers of roadside accidents and said: "There is hardly a collision more violent than the of a said: "There is hardly a collision more violent." than that of a vehicle hitting a tree.

TV licence up by £5

Television licence fees are to rise by £5 to £71 for colour and by £2 to £24 for black and white from April 1. The new charges, to apply to all licences bought or renewed after the end of March, are in line with changes in the retail price index, the Home Office said. Two new budget payment schemes will allow payment in four instalments to help colour viewers cope with the new payments.

NHS funding

Clarke defends cuts in letter to MPs

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government last night with the rate of medical was driven into having to inflation defend its position on Nat- "The fi own backbenchers.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, yesterday wrote to Conservative MPs asking them to NHS." Mr Cook had earlier keep in perspective "accusa- referred to Mr Clarke's detions" about underfunding cision to replace 28 out of 120 and claiming that the overall financial position had never been stronger.

The move came as the Labour Party accused the and most of the new appoint-Government of turning the NHS into a "one-party state" by replacing Labour health he said. In North East authority chairmen with Tory Thames, which is facing seriappointees. There are now ous financial difficulties, three

Mr Robin Cook, shadow he said. health spokesman, said that he would appoint shadow chairs in the run up to the next election to be more representative in Bloomsbury health au-

of local communities. In a three-page letter sent to all Conservative MPs, Mr Clarke said that he did not accept claims that the NHS was underfunded, and accused managers of making excuses.

"The current fashion throughout the NHS and particularly in districts where they have got into financial difficulties, is to complain about underfunded pay increases', 'higher levels of infla-tion than the NHS' and so

on," he wrote.
"Although they are frequently reported, they do not stand up to serious examination." Increased spending on the NHS was running far ahead of inflation on any

measure he said.

Too many DHAs still include increased staffing levels, uncontrolled grade drift and other management problems as part of their costs for which they say they are underfunded, thereby implying they have no control over them."

He said it was irrelevant to NHS funding to quote the RPI of 7.7 per cent, as the NHS did not pay mortgage interest on measures of the failure of of people out of touch with some authorities to control their communities."

rising costs," Mr Clarke said. Mr Cook said it was plain daft to say that health authorities did not live in the real world of inflation of around 8 per cent when Mr Clarke had

"The fact that Mr Clarke ional Health Service cuts to its has been driven to write to all backbenchers is a revealing glimpse of the unease of Government backbenchers about the financial crisis in the chairman as "the day of the

long scalpels". Three more Labour chairmen had been pushed aside ments were Conservative councillors or businessmen only four Labour chairmen of the four new chairmen are left in 190 posts.

Dr John Dunwoody, a for-mer Labour MP and junior health minister, was replaced



Mr Clarke: Letter to all Conservative backbenchers. thority after eight years by a Conservative councillor, Sir

Alan Greengross. Dr Dunwoody had pressed ministers to allow him to remain until the health authority, now trying to save £7 million, merged with neighbouring Islington later this

In Leeds East the new district chairman is also the chairman of Yorkshire Conbuilding. "Higher levels of servatives. "These are appinflation quoted as applying to ointments by a Government the NHS can be regarded as out of touch with the nation.

A forthcoming Labour government would not be bound by the appointments, he said. Where people were not committed to the NHS or not representative of the community, just increased prescription he would appoint shadow charges by 8.9 per cent in line chairs in coming months.

Violence and the poll tax protestors

£10m heroin haul | Anarchist plan to wreck computer software

A sinister threat to council community charge records is being planned by Trotskyist agitators, who may already have planted computer viruses to disrupt the software of two Scottish boroughs.

The agitators are closely associated with the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation, the organization behind violent scenes outside town halls across Britain.

Militant supporters and anarchists who specialize in computer hacking may already have interfered

stood to have attempted to recruit local government computer staff to the campaign against the tax.

Last night, Miss Emma Nicholson, Conservative MP for Devon West and Torridge, said she feared Militant left groups might have "penetrated local government computer departments with the aim of disrupting collection of the community charge". Miss Nicholson, a former computer consultant, said she would re-introduce an amendment to the Computer Misuse Bill,

outlawing "electronic picketing". The amendment would make it a criminal offence for staff to tamper with their employers' software during an industrial or political dispute.

According to Miss Nicholson, an English council recently found there had been an attempt to substitute dead people's names for living ones in poll tax software.

Earlier this year, computer experts at Lothian council had to examine the council's poll tax software after it appeared that a virus had been planted. The experts

problem was just an error or a bug introduced by an agitator. Last month, Miss Julia Jenner, a

Militant supporter based in Maidstone, urged computer programmers who are developing community charge software to join the protest against the tax.

Several English and Welsh boroughs have had talks with computer firms responsible for the software about preventing hackers from gaining access to borough computers.

Last night, Mr Albert Tait, finance officer at the Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities, said there was some concern about hackers. "Computer software is always vulnerable," he said.

Two anarchist publications, In-surrection and Electronics and Computing for Peace, are devoted to passing on tips about how to hack into computers. Class War, the anarchist group linked with the 1986 Wapping dispute, has also shown interest in high-tech disruption.

as theory

Councils around the country have been recruiting new staff to cope with the expansion of computer work related to the poll tax and few

Police go on standby for fresh town hall trouble

By Stewart Tendler and Nicholas Wood

called for an urgent report are on sick leave. from Scotland Yard on the Deputy Assista poll tax riot in Hackney, east London, which led to 60 arrests, scores of smashed shops and nearly 30 police injuries.

Mr Waddington said that the clash on Thursday night had been a disgraceful affair triggered by the "nasty left coming out of the woodwork". Senior police yesterday accused some demonstrators of being bent on attacking the police rather than the tax.

Hundreds of London police were called up ready for possible trouble last night at two more London town halls where the poil tax was due to be set or discussed.

Policing plans for council meetings in the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark were redrawn after the violent confrontation at Hackney on Thursday. Scotland Yard said yes-

terday that substantial police Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, learnt yesterday that she could have possessions sold off to meet an unpaid community sort to riot equipment. charge debt. Next week, sheriff officers plan to visit her home to carry out a poinding, the process by which goods are ed for sale to recoup her family's unpaid tax, estimated at £1,200. Mrs McLaughlin, a thrown rotten tomatoes. Lord Lieutenant is the prosecution, said George was

manpower would be available for the two south London council meetings last night. Southwark council was planning to set a poll tax while Lambeth council was debating

In Hackney a team of detectives began to investigate incidents that could lead to further prosecutions. At least 45 shops or offices were wrecked, some were looted and a police car was badly

damaged. The Yard said that a third of the 60 people arrested were from outside Hackney. During the day nine men, from Glasgow, Dorset, Cambridge, Lancashire, and east London, appeared at Old Street Magistrates' Court; others have

been bailed by police. Three people were charged with criminal damage, three with assaults on the police; one with actual bodily harm against the police; three with obstructing the highway; six with burglary; one with theft of police equipment; three with being drunk and disorderly; one with possession of an offensive weapon; and 39 were accused of public

Twenty-nine officers and

Mr David Waddington, the Four officers were treated at Home Secretary, yesterday Homerton hospital and five

> Deputy Assistant Commis-sioner Michael Taylor, in charge of the police area, said: There were clearly a number of people intent on attacking police whose presence had nothing to do with the demonstration against the tax."

Chief Superintendent Niall Mulvihill said: "It was a difficult event to police because of the significant minority which infiltrated the crowd and were inciting

"They had clearly not come to express their democratic rights, but to attack police lines, and many local people were vocal in dissociating themselves from those infiltrators. The restraint and forbearance of the police involved was a privilege to

Police estimate that the crowd numbered between 3,000 and 5,000 while the police, including reserves, were about 300. They were pelted with missiles including paint, full milk bottles, eggs and sticks but the demonstration was policed without re-

In court yesterday Stephen George, aged 20, of Earith, Cambridge, who was living in Stoke Newington, was ordered to an attendance centre for 36 hours after admitting having Mr Jeremy Coleman, for the

Queen's official representative seen to take a shiny object out in Edinburgh, said she would of his bag and throw it at the take no notice of the demand. When arrested he was said to have shouted: "What's up, can't people have some fun

nowadays?" and to have told police: "I was only throwing tomatoes. I don't mind having tomatoes thrown at me." The magistrate, Mr Peter Badge, said: "Peaceful protest

is a fundamental right of anyone in this country. Your behaviour only hinders a Andrew Roche, aged 44, of

Laura Place, Clapton, east London, was fined £250 for spitting at a police officer. Brian Elias, a cabinet maker, aged 23, of Ainsworth Road, Homerton, was fined



All the defendants remanded were ordered to stay away from Hackney Town Hall and had conditions of four protesters were injured.

'The war was nothing as bad as this'



By Libby Jukes

Disgusting, disgraceful, renta-mob were the words on everybody's lips in Hackney, east London, yesterday as shoppers contemplated the aftermath of the poll tax demonstration that turned into a riot on Thursday night. As they cleared shopfronts

of shattered glass and as-sessed the cost of stolen and damaged goods, shocked re-tailers were contemplating the possibility of more ugly scenes at Monday's meeting of the Hackney Against the Poll Tax organization at the town hall, which the Labour MPs Miss Diane Abbott and Mr Brian Sedgemore are expected to

made her way along Mare ness to continue at Marks & door, as the "local hero", but working all night. We have got Street, the main shopping Spencer. The DER electrical Mr Schwartz was more mod- at least 40 jobs lined up."

the war and never saw anything as bad as this." Mr Jerry White, Hackney comcil's chief executive, said: "Local people get the worst of all worlds - a high poll tax,

About 50 shops in the area had windows smashed and many were looted as the demonstration spread from the town hall and degenerated into a riot. Metal grilles and mattresses a shutters proved no deterrent. been ripped." Staff reporting for work at Woolworths, BHS and

stores closed to customers.

of equipment, including video television sets were recovered by police as they arrested looters taking them out. Mr Robert Walker, whose

cuts in services, and now this discount furniture shop opens straight on to the street. estimated the evening had cost him £10,000."Nothing was taken, but we've cleared up broken glass right at the back of the shop, and a lot of mattresses and sofas have The manager of a drug store

estimated that it would cost Mothercare were faced with £3,000 to replace damaged hours of cleaning up as the windows and stock thrown out

Shopkeepers in Mare Street, Hackney, clearing the aftermath of a night of vandalism and looting during the poll tax riot. precinct. "I lived here during rental shop lost 30 to 40 pieces est. "I just stood in front of my shop when I heard the crowd cameras and recorders. Two coming," he said. "It seemed to put them off. "There were about 15 to 20

people doing the looting, but I did not recognize any of them as locals, and I have lived in Hackney for 27 years. As well as estate agents supermarkets and McDon-

alds, smailer retailers also suffered. Mr Keith Diss. owner of the Happy Days card shop, lost soft toys and £200 from his till.

Mr John Ridgway, a glazier, who started work at 10.30pm when he was called to the Job Centre, one of the first into the road. "They were targets of the violence, said: tend.

Only laminated windows, chancers," he said. He descri- "From the Job Centre we "It is appalling," Mrs Man- which shattered but generally bed Mr Bernard Schwartz, moved on to the betting shop, "From the Job Centre we

Militant buoyed up by campaign

By Jamie Dettmer

Further evidence emerged yesterday that Militant is easer to use the anti-poll tax agitation as part of a recruitment drive. It is also becoming clear that the agitation is being seen by the tendency's leaders as a means of boosting the group's finances by increasing the sales of its newspaper.

The aims have been clearly stated over the last few weeks in dozens of articles in Militant, the Trotskyist organization's weekly newspaper. Militant supporters closely associated with the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation regularly report their success in attracting new members and selling the newspaper.

The articles also show that moderate Labour leaders, at national and local level, are as much the target of the agitation as the Tory Government.

In Militant last month, Mr Tony Cross, active on the Bow anti-poll tax union (APTU) in east London, wrote that his group had succeeded in getting the Bow Labour Party's local govern-ment conference "to demand that the Labour council must not take people who can't or won't pay to court".

In January, Mr Gary Freeman, sec-retary of the Nottingham APTU, reported that "non-payment is going to happen" and that "we are going to make local councillors' worse fears come true".

Mr Rab McKinley, of the Kelty APTU, attacked the Labour-controlled Fife regional council for using sheriffs against community charge defaulters.
"The disgrace of it is that these people are the agents of a Labour council. Labour Party members are furious."

Intimidation of councillors is a clear aim. Mr Tony Percy, of Sale Moor APTU, Manchester, reported back to Militant last November about a Trafford Council meeting which ended in the

■ Labour as much the target of agitation as Tories 9

police being called. "When the meeting was under way we started singing and chanting protests. The mayor lost his nerve and shouted that the poll tax had nothing to do with him. Everyone in the gallery laughed and carried on singing."

Last September, Mr Kevin Williamson, of Lothian APTU, wrote in Militant: "The Labour councillors had better watch out. All six of Edinburgh's constituency Labour parties have now called for the Labour council to refuse to use warrant sales to collect poll tax debts." Trying to get the local govern-ment unions involved in the non-

payment campaign is also a major aim. Mr Ged Grebby, Newcastle upon Tyne APTU, reported to Militant last January about "linking mass non-payment with the council workers' fight to save jobs".

The recruitment and funds effort comes through time and again. Mr George Knell, of Huddersfield APTU, reported in January: "In the past five weeks we've managed to sell over 620 copies of Militant and have broken our fighting fund target.

"We've done this by stopping people in the streets with a Militant anti-poll tax petition, papers and talking to them. We explain the role of our paper in the anti-poll tax campaign." Already, moderate Labour MPs are fearful that Militant will, through the anti-poll tax campaign, build up Trotskyist membership in local Labour parties. Four Labour councillors resigned from-

Haringey council yesterday after refusing to set a poll tax charge. They had earlier voted against a proposed poll tax levy of £572.89. They include the former council leader, Mr Steve King Meanwhile, an amateur radio operator

who disrupted police operational channels at a poll tax protest outside the civic offices in Swindon is being hunted. He was said to have used a powerful and

Unions demand reduction in maximum radiation levels

By Ronald Fanx

Trade unions at four plants company to carry out further reduced radiation doses in run by British Nuclear Fuels yesterday demanded a radical reduction in the maximum permitted radiation levels to

exposed. After a meeting in Blackpool, attended by senior the industry has always said BNFL management and un- we will never do it, it will cost Dromey, national officer of the Transport & General Workers' Union, said both sides must address the ques-

The concern follows a re- per individual each year in cent report by Professor Martin Gardner of Southampton statutory annual limit of 50 treal). University which established millisieverts for each individ-a statistical link between the ual. He said these targets have exposure of workers to radiation and leukaemia in their objective of the trade unions children.

Mr Dromey said concern

we will never do it, it will cost applied pressure on them they Gardner report." have met these new targets."

1979. This compared with the has already been met.

"By introducing new conwas so great the unions were trol arrangements and plant Hospital in Trois Rivières. not prepared to wait for the improvements, we have also said.

studies to verify Professor older plants. Further cutting Gardner's findings. Gardner's findings.

He agreed that achieving level sought by the trade lower levels would be a very unions will clearly be more which workers can be costly exercise. However, he difficult. But we will examine exposed. costly exercise. However, he difficult. But we will examine exposed. levels have been set in the past objective with their representatives in a constructive way as part of the programme ion shop stewards, Mr Jack too much. But when we have of work put in hand after the

● A surge in unusual defects After the meeting a BNFL in babies and animals born spokesman said the company near a nuclear plant in a tion of reducing radiation adopted design targets of a heavily industrialized part of urgently.

adopted design targets of a heavily industrialized part of maximum of 15 millisieverts Quebec has triggered a medical inquiry into the causes (Reuter reports from Mon-At least nine deformed ba-

bies were born near Gentilly, been applied ever since, so the 65 miles north-east of Montreal, between 1987 and mid-1989, Miss Christiane Lemaire, of the Sainte Marie

Police inquiry could look at case of Birmingham six

possibility of a new inquiry police officers. into the case of the six men convicted of the Birmingham

pub bombings in 1974. Mr Waddington said that the investigation by Mr Don- to the serious crime squad ald Shaw, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, into the disbanded West Midlands police serious crime squad had the power to examine the cases of the so-called Birdence Act.

mingham six. The Home Secretary said while campaigning for the Mid Staffordshire by-election that Mr Shaw's inquiry could, if necessary, go back almost 16 years to examine the pub bombings investigation, Constable would have to ex- far. which involved some members of the serious crime

squad

Mr David Waddington, the maintained their innocence attributed to Mr Waddington, Home Secretary, appears to be and claimed that confessions have opened the door to the were beaten out of them by

> The remarks attributed to Mr Waddington yesterday caused surprise and confusion as the terms of reference given inquiry by Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West new Police and Criminal Evi-

> The West Yorkshire inquiry is being supervised by the Police Complaints Authority, which is restricted by law to overseeing cases since 1984. West Yorkshire police said that the West Midlands Chief tend the scope of the inquiry

Birmingham six case.

but said: "The Home Secretary was merely saying that the possibility exists of the inquiry going back further than the cut-off point of the mid-1980s. It is nothing new.

West Midlands police said last night that while Mr Shaw's remit restricted his inquiries to 1986 onwards, if Midlands, limited it to cases evidence came to light that arising from 1986 under the indicated it was right and proper to go back further there is no reason why be should not approach the Chief Constable of the West Midlands with a request to extend the timespan of the inquiry. At this stage Mr Shaw had

not indicated that his inquiries had led him back that The police said Mr before it could examine the Waddington's remarks were

similar to comments he had Six Irishmen who were The Home Office yesterday made in the House of Comconvicted of the murders have did not deny the remarks mons last month.

Scientists to check toxic gas theory in cot deaths

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

claim that some cot deaths are caused by toxic gases emitted from the babies' mattresses, the Department of Health announced yesterday.
Suspicious that PVC mat-

tress coverings could release the gases in certain conditions were first aroused last year, but Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, said yesterday there was no scientific evidence to support the theory.

He urged parents not to be alarmed and not to take any action such as discarding the cot mattresses. "We have a duty to investigate all possible causes of cut deaths, but I believe that parents should feel very reassured by the lack If will be easier for patients to make a complaint against their family doctor or dentist

under new regulations laid yesterday (Jill Sherman writes). Complaints procedures are to be simplified and treamlined from April 2, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister of State at the Health Departanswer. People will be able to make oral rather than written complaints to their family practitioner committees and the time limit for filing a daint will be extended from eight to 13 weeks.

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About 1,500 cot deaths a year occur in Britain. They are little understood, Sir Donald said. "All we can be certain of that there is no single

The gas theory has been put forward by Mr Barry Richardson, director of Penarth Research International, a company which provides chemical dvice to industries on the biodegradation of materials.

He suggested that the toxic gases, arsine, stibene and phosphine, could be released from PVC mattress coverings if they were soiled and affected by a household fungus, and inhaled by the infants.

Sir Donald said no case of cot death due to the gases had been reported. "Any new baby might be unwell.

Experts are to investigate a hypothesis on cot deaths deserves careful consideration. The death of an infant is a shattering blow to parents. We have to investigate all possibilities, but this needs to be done in a way which avoids the extraordinary pain and anguish of alarming parents."

The expert group will be led by Professor Paul Turner, chairman of the Government's independent expert advisory committee on toxicity. He is professor of clinical pharmacology at St Bar-tholemew's Hospital, London.

The others in the group are specialists in toxicology, neo-natal pathology, epidemiol-ogy, analytical chemistry and the study of fungi. The experts will carry out research at St Bartholemew's

and at the Laboratory of the Government Chemist in central London. Experiments by Mr Rich-

ardson to support his theory are also being assessed by government chemists, but they have not yet succeeded in replicating the claimed results.

The Government is simultaneously involved in two other cot death research initiatives. In one, the Medical Research Council is carrying out a review of the medical and scientific literature on infant deaths, to advise on what new research is needed.

In the other, the Department of Health is considering ays of setting up a form of multi-disciplinary inquiry into infant deaths, including cot deaths. The number of cot deaths

reported has increased in the past five years. However, there has an almost identical decrease in reports of infant deaths from respiratory disorders, a leading risk factor in cot deaths. "It could be that the deaths are occurring at the same rate but are being recorded under different names," Sir Donald said.

His advice to parents was to keep the babies warm but to avoid overheating, ensure good ventilation, follow good hygiene by keeping all clothing and bedding fresh and clean. and be alert to signs that the

A bouquet for the Greens

A dawn rescue for the digger that stopped in its tracks



Students plan protests to Red Arrows sell for mar loans Bill's progress

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The NUS admitted yes-

terday that the legislation is well advanced and that stu-

dents are less easily mobilized

against it. However, it said

local protests would be strong.

subjected to scrutiny

of Parliament

tions for a rally at the

Mr Peter Harris, the union

president at Essex University,

said undergraduates would oc-

cupy the main lecture blocks

on Monday evening before organizing a mass lobby of the Conservative club in

The University of Manches-

planning a mock funeral for

expect closure of all colleges.

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new research.

ning a 24-hour sit-in.

dents (NUS) has called for a parliamentary scrutiny. wave of shutdowns, sit-ins and demonstrations against the Government's student loans Bill to coincide with the start of its committee stage in the Lords on Monday.

There is widespread crossparty support among peers, including Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and Lord Haig, for amendments which would delay the Education (Student Loans) Bill until next year, while details of the Government's "top-up" loans scheme are completed.

Four Conservative peers, Lord Rippon, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Blake and Baroness Young, have moved that the regulations governing the introduction of the scheme be subjected to parliamentary

The Liberal Democrat, Earl Russell, a history don at King's College London and a strong opponent of the scheme to abolish students rights to income support and housing benefit while offering them loans of about £420 a year, bas tabled an amendment which would let the Government's details of how the scheme would work be enshrined in

His office said that although he disagreed with the scheme. the Government's four-clause enabling Bill did not give Parliament enough detail to discuss it thoroughly. "At least

The National Union of Stu- this way it can be subjected to but demonstrations would show students were still very much opposed to the loans. All state schools should be "privatized" to cut the community charge by a third, according to a former government minister (Our Education Editor writes).

Students at the University of East Anglia will hold a joint Sir Rhodes Boyson said last might: "The Government must do something about the unpopularity of the commu-nity charge. Here is a scheme press conference with university authorities on Tuesday to protest about the loans, but they have decided against a shut-down or boycott of which would lower the community charge: privatize education within the philos-ophy of Thatcherism, im-The university said there would be a few class cancellaprove educational standards and win again popularity for our party as a radical caring **6** Scheme should be

> He told the Clwyd South West Conservative Association that education is by far the largest component in the charge and should be taken out of local authority budgets.

"If education were switched to total government funding paid out of national taxation, the community charge could be cut everywhere to a figure of less than one third of that at present projected."

ter Institute of Technology is The Government, however, might lav itself open to the free education and students criticism that this amounted from the university will march to "nationalizing" education as it had "nationalized" the Students at the City of curriculum. To avoid that charge, all state schools should London Polytechnic are planbe given grant-maintained sta-The NUS said it did not tus and funded by an educa-

tional voucher system.

five times estimate

Arrow fighter aircraft were sold at Sotheby's yesterday to a number of American buyers for a total of £668,000, five times the estimated price.

Toby Wilson, the expert in charge of the London sale, said it was the first time the Ministry of Defence had offered aircraft in a public sale at Sotheby's.

"The estimates were all pitched low to attract potential buyers, because it was the first sale, but I still didn't expect prices to go so high," he said. Secrecy worthy of the min-istry itself surrounded the identity of most buyers of the eight Folland FO-141 Gnats.

A private American tele-phone bidder paid the top price of £122,000 for one Gnat still in the Red Arrows livery. Seven Alonette AH Mk II elicopters were also sold for a total of £281,000, one fetching almost 10 times the estimate. They were used by the Army

Air Corps in Cyprus. A total of 23 ministry aircraft fetched £1,065,000 (£1,171,500, including 10 per cent sales premium).

• A series of auctions to sell off the antiques collection of an eccentric recluse who died last year has raised almost £7

Hundreds of thousands of ornaments, pictures, pieces of jewellery and other bric-a-brac hearded by Ron Summerfield at his home and shop in un, Gloucestershire, were sold at 11 auctions

for many years is on offer at the European Fine Art Fair in Maastricht, which opens to-day (Sarah Jane Checkland writes from Maastricht).

It is a portrait of Princess Elizabeth, daughter of James I, later Princess Palatine and Queen of Bohemia, also known as the Queen of Hearts. Painted by Robert Peake the Elder, and showing its subject as a beautiful young woman in satin dress and stiff lace ruff, it is a highlight at the Weiss Gallery's stand for £350,000.

The Maastricht fair, based in a lavish new conference centre in The Netherlands'

SALEROOM oldest city, is becoming an

essential event in the European art calendar. The fact that the city is a

free port, on the borders of West Germany and The Netherlands, attracts buyers and sellers from all over the world. Offerings range from a pair of Caucasian socks at the

textile gallery stand at £1,250 to a magnificant, austere still life featuring a jug, overturned glass, and partially peeled lemon, by Jan Jansz den Uyl. At a price of £3 million at the Newhealth gallery stand, it is the most expensive work on

New exhibiters this year include the London old master dealers Harari & Johns, reeries. The fair continu March 18.

Parents in transplant appeal for dying baby The parents of a baby boy

who has only a few days to live appealed yesterday for a donor liver to save him,

Jonathan South, aged nine months, from Bishopthorpe. near York, who is being treated at the Birmingham Children's Hospital for a dangerous liver disorder, needs a transplant.

Dr Deirdre Kelly, in charge of Jonathan's case, said: "He is very critically ill. I don't think he will make the other end of the weekend without a great deal of luck,"

Hospital death Police are interviewing a natient after a man was found stabbed to death at a high security mental hospital at Maghull, Merseyside.

Tory choice

Mrs Angela Knight, aged 39, a Sheffield city councillor and director of a chemical engineering firm, has been chosen as prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Erewash, Derbyshire. Mr Peter Rost, who had a majority of 9,754 at the last election, is to retire at the next one.

Fox savaged

Mr Stewart Devlin is planning legal action after Coniston foxhounds tore a fox to pieces in front of his pregnant wife in the garden of their bome at Elterwater, Cumbria.

Hope's £30,000

The comedian Bob Hope has given £30,000 for an extension to the theatre named after him in Eltham, south-east London, his birthplace.

Bus aid

Aid for Romania from Shetland includes a bus given by a local firm, which will be driven there full of donated goods.

False alarm

A new £2 million security system failed to detect a thief who stole an alarm bell from outside the Central Criminal

Court, London. **Bird watch** A national census of mute

swans, Britain's only resident swans, will be held in April

Smoking out Smoking is to be banned at all West Yorkshire fire stations.



Mr Robert Saunders, the Green Party candidate, discussing the merits of a bonquet with Mr Colin Ward, a market stall-holder, while out campaigning in Rugeley yesterday.

Police cars in poll tax dispute

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent, Staffordshire

they are offered a second-hand compensate for a national £19 more cash.

motorway patrol cars have 250,000 miles on the clock and are on their second engine. But because of Home Office spending cuts they cannot be replaced with new models capable of matching

Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate aiming to overturn a 14,650 Tory majority, maintained that the local police had joined the popular uprising against the poll tax — the issue that dominates the campaign.

Mrs Heal said Mr Charles Kelly, the Staffordshire Chief Constable, had described a £1 million cut in the budget for new vehicles and equipment as a "monumental blunder".

He had dismissed the £400,000 allocated by the Home Office as not enough to replace police bicycles, let alone patrol vehicles, which were now worth "nothing

more than scrap". But Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said during a

14,500 officers since 1979 and by 192 uniformed manpower in Staffordshire.

Mrs Heal said: "The party



(C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/All), 13,114; J Bazeley (Independent C) 836. C maj: 14,654.

of law and order is deliberately condemning Mid-Stafford-shire to a future of rising crime, without the protection of a mobile police force. "This is the clearest evi-

dence yet that the poll tax and the spending limits it is based on are undermining the very fabric of community life," she

The Home Secretary said he visit to the constituency that would be talking to the chief believed on the estates.

Car buyers should beware if the cutback was necessary to constable about his plea for

As Labour disclosed yesterday while campaigning in the Mid-Staffordshire by-election, the county's luxury motorway patrol care have

The only cloud on the horizon for the Opposition is the violence around the town hall demonstrations against the poll tax. If this issue remains at the forefront of public attention over the next week or so it could persuade some Tory defectors to revert to their former allegiance.

For all that, the community charge remains the Tories' Achilles' heel with widespread public confusion, anxiety, and in some cases fear surround-

ing its introduction. One pregnant, unemployed and unmarried woman on a council estate in Stone thought the tax would either land her on the streets or in prison.

Mr Charles Prior, the Tory candidate, said yesterday that local people were no longer actively blaming the Government for community charge levels of about £350. Spendthrift councils were being held responsible. He would not be

When molluscs can turn into monsters

with predators, according to crayfish elicits an entire re-Researchers at Utah State University and the University of Oklahoma have discovered that freshwater snails of the species Physella virgata grow to double their normal size at

the merest whiff of crayfish. They do this even when crayfish are not physically present: breeding the snails in water previously used to grow crayfish has the same effect, but only if the crayfish concerned had actively hunted

The researchers think that the snails are responding to as 14 months. chemicals in the water re-leased by the crayfish when that the snails were respondthey eat snails.

It is not simply a question of tion for small, tender snails.

organization of the snail life- tion. This idea, however, cycle. The snails normally grow to their full, adult size of four millimetres across in just over three months, at which time they are sexually mature. They usually die of old age before reaching the venerable vintage of five months.

But when hungry crayfish share the same water, the snails delay the onset of sexual maturity until the age of about eight months, when they are 10 millimetres in diameter. They can then live for as long

ing to the crayfish's predilecgetting bigger, the scent of leaving the tough old boilers

alone - simple natural seleccould not explain the response of unmolested snails to the possibility - rather than the actuality - of being eaten by crayfish. Cases of prey species turning against their oppres-sors in this way are few, but there are probably more than is generally realized.

goes on in the small puddles that collect in tree trunks in California. Single-celled graz-ers, Lambornella clarki, are eaten by the young larvae of the treehole mosquito, Aedes sierrensis. But they put up with this for only so long: chemicals secreted by the mosquito larvae transform the

pathogens, swarming over the mosquito larvae and devouring them inside and out. In another case, an armed truce at sea between molluscs

and crustaceans - whelks and lobsters - is maintained not so much by chemical stimuli as by eternal vigilance on the part of the molluscs. In the sea around Malgas

Island, off South Africa, lob-sters rule unchecked, and have the pick of the whelk and One life-and-death battle mussel populations. But things are different around Marcus Island only four kilometres away, where there is not a lobster to be seen. Should one be foolish enough to stray near, it is mobbed by literally hundreds of ferocious whelks that tear it to pieces.

Henry Gee

placid microbes into ravening Natura-The Times News Service, 1990

More chemicals banned or limited Patten pledges 'a wholesome' North Sea

From Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent, The Hague

The controversy over nuclear waste disposal which reached a climax with the international barracking of Britain at the Third North Sea Conference at The Hague on Thursday night overshadowed big steps forward in the fight against marine pollution, in which the United Kingdom played a fall

The nine conference member states agreed to phase out completely the highly toxic chemicals polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) by the end of 1999, with, at British insistence, each country formally committed to developing its own disposal facilities and to producing detailed action plans by 1992.

All the North Sea states agreed to make cuts by 1995 of 50 per cent or more (from their 1985 baseline levels) in the amounts of 36 other hazardous chemicals entering the sea from rivers or from the air.

In the case of four particularly dangerous substances mercury, cadmium, dioxins and lead — they set themselves a target of 70 per cent cut in inputs. They also set up a list of 18 pesticides whose use is to be limited or banned by the end of 1992.

the measures agreed would be produced within three months, The programme to control inputs of dangerous sub-stances was a most important step forward, he said. "It

addresses the most serious

problem of contamination in

and the Baltic.

the North Sea: rivers." He singled out the dolphins and porpoises agreement; wildlife had previously been neelected in the conference, he said, and the agreement would serve "as a platform on which to build more extensive and ambitious proposals in years to come".

Conference observers, however, could be forgiven for hardly hearing the news amid the angry clamour over Brit-air's continuing to dump At the prompting of Britain, chemical wastes and sewage a memorandum of understand-sludge in the sea, which ended

ing on dolphins and porpoises in an acrimonious clash over the other ministers. Mrs ing plant at Domreay is was drawn up. That is likely to British refusal to rule out Maij-Weggen, on the other Caithness. lead to a comprehensive interdisposal of nuclear waste national agreement on their

protection in the North Sea Mr Patten had his hands full fending off the attacks, Mr Chris Patten, Secretary which came principally from of State for the Environment, four women - Mrs Lone Dybkjaer, Mrs Kristin Hillesaid at the end of the con-Valla and Mrs Birgitta Dahl, the environment ministers of ference: "We have had a very constructive conference and as a result the North Sea will be a Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and Mrs Hanja Maijcleaner and more wholesome sea." The UK's action plan for Weggen, the Dutch transport minister and conference

> Mr Patten's ability to stand his ground without losing his good humour and without entering into a public slanging match won him friends among



Mrs Dybkjaer: "Britain

hand, was seen in some quarters as intemperate in her criticism and as playing to her domestic gallery. Her direct attacks on Mr Patten during the negotiations were strongly resented by British officials.

Mr Patten's announcement in London at the start of the week that sewage sludge dumping was to be phased out by 1998 and the earlier governby 1992-93 to industrial waste mping — both practices Britain alone continues - failed to satisfy the other ministers but were gradgingly accepted as better than nothing.

The nuclear issue flared mexpectedly at The Hagne and seems set to cause considerable discord between Britain and its North Sea partners.

First Mr Padraig Flynn, the Irish environment minister, present as an observer, used his speech to renew the Irish call for the closure of the nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield in Cumbria.

Then in a more serious move, the three Scandinavian ministers formally asked Mr comply with the European Patten to scrap the planning permission given to the laying down minimum stan-Atomic Energy Anthority for a dards for the disposal of new nuclear waste reprocess- sewage.

Most serious was the dispute over the resolution that the seabed of the North Sea was not suitable for disposal of nuclear waste, which, in com-plete isolation, Britain refused to accept. That led to a split in the final declaration. The Goverument wishes to keep the option of a tunnel under the seabed for the proposed British deep repository for low-and intermediate-level nuclear waste, which Nirex, the nuclear waste executive, is planning at either Sellafield or The other countries were

greatly angered by the British position with Mrs Dybkjaer saying Britain was "playing with all our lives" and with Mrs Maij-Weggen promising to put the issue on the agenda for the next ministerial meeting on the North Sea to be held in 1993, and for the Fourth North Sea Conference to be held in 1995 in Copenhagen. Strathclyde Regional Conncil said last night it faced a bill running into "hundreds of millions of pounds" if it was to Commission draft directive

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Answer these questions and find out whether Stalin would have killed you.

Josef Stalin was responsible for the deaths of approximately 25 million of his own people.

The majority were killed as punishment for what Stalin called "crimes against the state" but what most of us might consider normal, everyday activities. Would you have been at risk had you

lived in Stalin's Russia? If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, then "yes" is the answer to this one.

Do you enjoy jazz?

"Today you play jazz, tomorrow you will betray your country" read a popular poster slogan in Stalin's Russia.

What had started life in the US as the music of the oppressed

workers was considered in the USSR to be an indulgence of the decadent bourgeoisie. Playing jazz became a potentially lethal pastime.

Have you ever collected stamps?

If you were a philatelist in Stalin's Russia, you were in serious trouble.

A neighbour would report you. The police would arrest you. And the THAMES TELEVISION charge of having "foreign contacts" would be brought against you.

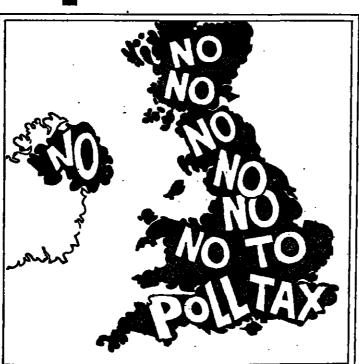
Sentence: hard labour or execution.

Do you know anyone who has been in trouble with the police?

Stalin branded even the most petty

criminal an "enemy of the state." Just being acquainted with one was enough to put you at risk. When a senior party official was assassinated, a woman and her family were arrested. She had worked at a library used by the suspect twenty years earlier. That was her crime.

Do you find this cartoon funny?





Whether you do or not, at least you're free either to laugh or not laugh at it. Mocking the government in Stalin's time, however, was treason. Tell a political joke at work and it would spread quickly: until it reached the ears of Stalin's police.

Has a piece of machinery ever let you down?

If it let you down at work you would have been branded a "wrecker."

In one incident, fifty-five Russian mineworkers were arrested because their machinery failed. Only four were released.

Do you enjoy weepy movies?

Or a sad song? Or maybe a tear jerking novel? Stalin's view of this was simple: if it was sad, it was forbidden. Sadder still, it could cost you your life.

Creating or enjoying anything that didn't display wholesome, socialist morals was a punishable offence.

Praising Stalin on the other hand was considered to be artistic talent.

As one researcher put it, "The arts had to form a pact with the devil."

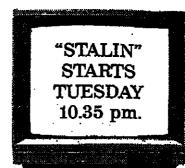
If you find these facts hard to believe we don't blame you.

We've been researching the subject since 1987 and we still have trouble ourselves believing

But go on they did, along with countless other atrocities and injustices.

things like this actually went on.

The evidence is there for all to see in "Stalin" a major new documentary in three parts from Thames Television. Watch it if only because, in this country, you have the freedom to do so.



THAMES. A TALENT FOR TELEVISION.

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Mujahidin credit militia defector for capture of base

Afghan Mujahidin guerrillas confirmed by independent Rabbani, head of the Jamyat yesterday claimed to have sources. captured Sindhen air base in southern Herat province, one of the three main air bases in

Guerrillas of the Jamyat-i Islami faction of the Mujahidin coalition said the base fell after Mr Said Ahmed, the militia chief in Herat, defected

The claim came as the coup attempt launched on Tuesday against President Najibullah's Tanai, the former Defence Minister, was petering out, around the capital. The coup involved members of the Khalq faction of the ruling People's Democracy Party of Afghanistan.

The Peshawar-based Mujahidin leaders, while conceding that fighting inside Kabul had ceased, claim big gains in Herat, Khost, and Kandahar

Mr Tanvir Ahmed Khan the Pakistan Foreign Sec-rotary, said in a press briefing that the fall of the town of Khost was expected in the next 48 hours.

These reports have not been

Kabul civl airport, which was closed after heavy bombing by rebel planes on Tuesday, has reopened and scheduled flights resumed yesterday. Soviet planes carrying supplies have also landed.

Pakistani tribal traders, who have business links with Afghanistan, say telephone contact and normal business have resumed in Kabul after three days of confusion. They regime by General Shahnawaz say, however, that sporadic incidents of firing continue

> It appears that Islamabad's efforts to forge an alliance between General Tanai, who is believed to have taken refuge in Pakistan, and the six Mujahidin groups of the Af-ghan government-in-exile have failed.

> Professor Dr Sibghatullah Mujadidi, president of the coalition, has refused to make any alliance with General Tanai. Dr Mujadidi said in a statement that his party would fight the Khalq rebels if they ever took power in Kabul. Professor Burhanuddin

faction, said the Khalq rebels were communists, and there could be no alliance with

However, Pakistani officials say they remain optimistic that such a joint resistance front can be brought about.

The coalition leaders were also highly critical of another Mujahidin leader, Mr Gul-buddin Hekmatyar, the leader of the fundamentalist Hezb-i Islami faction, whose organization has been linked with the coup attempt. Mr Hekmatyar claimed yesterday that his Mujahidin and the rebel forces had scored military

The division within the Mujahidin seems to have spoiled the plans for a concerted offensive against Dr Najibullah's regime

Meanwhile, Dr Najibullah, yesterday urged Western countries to revise their policy of supporting the Mujahidin. He said the West should learn a lesson from the political detente prevailing in the world, and end "vacillation

Colombia's M19 rebels surrender their guns



Señor Carlos Pizarre, leader of the M19 guerrilla movement in Colombia, adding a pistol wrapped in a Colom-bian flag to a pile of arms handed over

ern mountains. The group, also known as the April 19 Movement, has been blamed for the deaths of judges and the abduction of a US ambassador. It by his followers to the authorities in is the country's first leftist guerrilla Santo Domingo in Colombia's south-

to fight on the field of politics (AP reports). The handing over of the weapons on Thursday to an inter-Venezuelan, General Ernesto Uscategui, ended 16 years of armed

revolt. The committee also included Socialist International delegates from Chile, Britain, Finland and Switzerland. Señor Pizerro is running for the post of mayor of Bogotá in election be held on Sunday.

Haitians press for **Ávril to go**

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets across Haiti demanding the departure of President Prosper Avril after a day of violence in which troops opened fire on crowds, killing at least two people.

As businesses remained closed and public order deteriorated, confusion arose over the whereabouts of the President who has come under intense local and international pressure to step down and allow elections which are scheduled for later this year.

Some diplomatic reports said his wife and children had already fled the country but the US embassy in Port-au-Prince said it believed they were still there.

Protesters hurled stones at troops and erected barricades of burning tyres across the streets of the capital on Thursday. Youths killed one soldier, knocking him out with stones and then burning his body. At people were killed when the troops opened fire outside the presidential palace. Demonstrators had massed there waving signs saying "Avril Dictator Must Go" and chanting: "The time has come for him to go, now

let's celebrate!" Members of the Tontons Macoutes secret police, wearing their trade-mark dark ses, were out in force and appeared to be directing military action. Some ordered soldiers to stop beating civilians rioting outside the presidential palace on Thursday night, witnesses said. Elsewhere there was sporadic

shooting in the streets. The demonstrations drew widespread support from political opposition leaders and members of the business community. The Association of Political Parties, a grouping of 12 opposition organizations, called for the protests to continue until General

Aoun ready to discuss peace settlement

Military era ends in Chile

Pinochet bows out as democracy takes the stage

national stadium on Monday

evening, mark the end of an

11, 1973, when Chile's armed

forces overthrew the elected

An estimated 167,000

people and their families were

forced into exile and many

more were imprisoned and

tortured in concentration

camps and secret prisons.

which will begin with the Human rights groups say that per cent over the past 12 official handover of power between 10,000 and 30,000 months—and the foreign debt

socialist Government.

From Lake Sagaris actually be provided by Schor tomorrow at 1 pm and end were killed outright. The mili- has dropped from \$20 billion

From Juan Carlos Gumucio Baabda, east Beirut

General Michel Aoun, the fiery officer who vowed to die fighting his "war of liberation" against the Syrian Army in Lebanon even at the cost of the total destruction of Beirut, said yesterday he wants to make peace with the Muslims and his fellow Maronite Christians, who have proved a surprisingly powerful enemy. He even hinted at peace talks with the Syrians.

One year after his quixotic campaign started with the shelling of Syrian-contolled west Beirut, it is not hard to see that he is tired of living in the underground shelter of the presidential palace of Baabda. He says he will stay — for he still sees his presence here as the only guarantee to Lebanon's sovereignty — but never-theless he appears to be contemplating a dignified exit "Maybe Hawaii, when I retire," he joked as he strolled

The new Congress building is

half-finished, many distin-

guished guests have not yet

arrived and government

bureaucrats are still battling

over details, but already Chil-

cans have begun to celebrate

Tomorrow President Pino-

chet will hand over power to

Señor Patricio Aylwin, a prominent Christian Demo-

crat elected last December in

Chile's first elections in al-

Señor Avlwin was sup-

ported by a rainbow coalition

of 17 parties, most of which

are represented in his new

Cabinet and the new Par-

liament. Since the elections

defined a Senate and House of

Deputies, there has been a

battle between the new and

old governments over ceremo-

The presidential sash that

democracy's return.

most 20 years.

nial procedure.

through the empty palace gardens. "I have never ruled out dialogue," he said. "There is no change in my position." The general, of course, was

not ready to admit that his latest proposal to discuss the accord reached by the Lebanese Parliament in the Saudi town of Taif last October is a significant departure: until two days ago, he refused to address the issue because he regarded the pact as a "blank cheque" for Syria's ambitions in Lebanon.

President Hrawi and his Syrianbacked Government, he said, want to talk and I am here. So, dialogue is possible, without any pre-conditions."

General Aoun's unusually conciliatory posture is stunning. Until recently he was ruling out conversations without a Syrian written time-table for the withdrawal of their estimated 40,000 troops from Lebanese territory. And he was refusing to

aished guests will arrive later era that began on September

chet will take his home.

And most of the distin-

today or tomorrow to avoid

having to officially greet Gen-eral Pinochet. Only the Presi-

dents of Argentina and Uruguay, along with Mr Dan Quayle, the US Vice-Presi-

dent, are expected to shake the

The elaborate ceremonies

general's hand.

talk to President Hrawi, whom he called "a Syrian puppet".

What the general appears now to have in mind is a round table mechanism for national dialogue" in which political reforms demanded by Muslim majority, one of President Hrawi's priorities, would be discussed. The abrogation of the Taif accord for which he so ardently fought is no longer a priority or an immediate demand, General Aoun said.

He does not see this new mood as a capitulation in his campaign against the Syrians, which last year cost more than 900 lives and wounded nearly 3,000 people in six months.

"When you cannot change a phenomenon through politics, ex-ternal force, internal explosion or any other way, you must deal with it realistically," he had said in an interview with Beirut's An-Nahar daily on Thursday. This approach to conflict, he

ral Pino- with a mass rally in the tary Government im- (£12 billion) in 1983 to an

plemented a far-reaching plan

for economic and social re-

forms, including privatizing

bealth care, pensions and

education. It also sold off

profitable state corporations.

Poverty has invaded the

homes of five million Chil-

eans, almost half the

On the other hand, inflation

is relatively low - about 22

pointed out, is also applicable to his most recent war against the Phalangist 'Lebanese Forces" of Mr Samir Geagea, the worst inter-Christian conflict in Lebanon's 15-year-old civil war. "The war in (Christian) east Beirut is over," he declared. "They (Mr Geagea's militia) are willing to discuss a durable settlement, too."

General Aoun's first peace overtures suggest that the tough, 54-yearold artilleryman is beginning to realize the futility of his efforts to expell the Syrians from Lebanon and become the sole ruler of the Christian community.

He has failed in both cases and perhaps finds himself with no choice but to pave the way for reconciliation and disappear from the scene. According to informed sources, this seems to be the prescription recommended by French and Vatican diplomats who are said to have offered the general a

estimated \$16.5 billion today.

The military also made far-

reaching changes to Chile's

political system. Gerry-

mandering, special quorum

requirements, appointed sen-

ators and an electoral system

which allows high minority

representation has given the

General Pinochet's supporters

a disproportionate number of

to it that major buildings were

passed over to the armed

Most Chilean political an-

alvsts believe General Pino-

chet has an ace up his sleeve.

Once he relinquishes the

presidency, the General will

carry on as army commander-

in-chief. Several magazines

have published reports on his

"four-year plan" to bring him-

But despite the difficulties,

Chileans are bubbling with

optimism, even usually cau-

tious political observers.

self back to power.

General Pinochet also saw

seats in the new Congress.

forces for administration.

WORLD ROUNDUP

India in talks with Kashmir rebels

Srinagar (AP) - The Indian Government, acknowledging that a Muslim rebellion in Kashmir has reached an "unprecedented point", said yesterday that it had begun a "dialogue" with militant leaders who advocated the state's independence from India, Mr George Fernandes, the federal Railways Minister who is leading the efforts to quell the secessionist movement, said: "We have a tough job here, but I would say I am meeting the right people through intermediaries. It is too early to say what shape the dialogue

will take, but at least the process has begun."

Mr Ferandes arrived in Srinagar, the largest city in the Kashmir valley and the focal point of the agitation, on Thursday with a 14-member delegation. The other members returned to Delhi yesterday, but Mr Fernandes stayed, apparently to initiate the dialogue.

Child custody change

Anckland (Reuter) - New Zealand, the centre of a custody battle over Hilary Foretich, an American girl, aged seven, is to pass legislation allowing it to ratify an international convention on child custody cases. Even before the battle moved here, New Zealand had been seen as a haven for Americans and others wishing to evade the repatriation of abducted children from split families. By ratifying the 1980 Hague convention on child custody, New Zealand will commit itself to return children to their country of habitual residence if they have been illegally removed.

Value on wife's life

Canberra (AFP) - Mr Hien Van Nguyen, a Vietnamese immigrant whose wife died in a car accident, has won a landmark ruling on her financial value from Australia's highest court. The three High Court judges said in a unanimous decision that the Nguyen family should be compensated for loss of child-care, cooking, washing, ironing and cleaning, caused by the death of Nu Thi Nguyen, and reinstated damages of \$Aus 179,573 (£81,600) which had been reduced on appeal by a Queensland court.

Israel Penthouse folds

Jerusalem - The Hebrew edition of Penthouse, more noted for its pictures of naked women than Biblical scholarship or Middle East analysis, folded this week after only eight months on Israeli news stands (Richard Owen writes). According to Miss Galia Albin, the publisher of Hebrew Penthouse, the Orthodox Jewish lobby killed off the attempt to sell Israeli men a mixture of articles on motoring, crime, humour and adventure, interspersed with unclothed or

New refugee centre Manila - Thousands of Hong Kong's overcrowded

Viennamese refugees may be relocated in a new Britishfinanced transit centre in the Philippines (Vyvyan Tenorio writes). The centre, to be built jointly by the Philippines Government and the United Nations High Commis for Refugees, will be adjacent to existing refugee facilities in Morong town in Bataan province. The British Government has pledged £3 million towards the project. It will not be

Punishment reviewed

am, Saudi Arabia (Reuter) - The Jeddah-based Muslim Theologian Council is to discuss whether to allow surgeons to re-attach amputated feet and hands to convicted criminals who have had them severed, the Saudi Arabian newspaper Al-Moslimoun (The Moslems) said. Under Sharia law, strictly enforced in Saudi Arabia, convicted criminals face amputations for theft and other offences.

March 9 1990

PARLIAMENT

Government warning over 'acid house' parties

General Pinochet will of-ficially give Señor Aylwin will President Pinochet gesturing in a televised speech in which he reviewed his years in power.

curb "acid house" parties was given a second reading in the mmons with strong backing from the Government. Or-ganizers of illegal parties were given their "first public warn-"that they faced confiscation of their profits.

The Opposition, although supporting the measure, had reservations about the effect it ight have on genuine music

MPs spoke of the exploitation of young people and the involvement of criminal elements, as well as the dangers to those attending and the nuisance to nearby residents.

Mr Graham Bright (Luton South, C) moving second reading of his Entertainment (Increased Penalties) Bill, said that il would allow greater sanctions for offences related to the licensing of premises used for music. dancing or other entertainments. It would create no additional criminal offences.

It was designed to deal with the problems brought about by the spread of the so-called acidhouse parties. There was nothing in it to prevent young people from enjoying professionally organized parties in a safe environment but many of the venues were unsuitable and unsafe. Local residents had to

endure disturbances and noise. There was a criminal element involved in the promotion and management of acid-bouse par-ties. Many broke the law. That

was why so many were held at

At some parties the so-called security guards were equipped with baseball bats, knives and sometimes guns, it was difficult to believe that the pit-bull terriers present were simply being given nocturnal exercis Massive profits could be made. Organized crime was already

deeply involved in the pay-party cult. "And our young people are paying the price." The Bill would increase to

£20,000, or six months imprisonment, or both, the maximum penalty which could be imposed by a magistrates' court on those convicted of a breach of the licensing terms and conditions concerning entertainments involving music and dancing.

The fine now available was £2,000, or three months imprisonment, or both. Present penalties were so small in relation to the huge profits which could be made that they ceased to be a deterrent.

People in the entertainment business had received threats from criminals, including drug pediars. Entertainment organizations that had refused to co-operate with criminals had had their premises and staff

Mr Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central, Lab) said that he could not welcome the Bill because it would drive out promoters of legal parties and leave the field free to criminals

The penalties were severe, some would say draconian, and the Bill made no distinction een deliberate offence caused by the promoter and actions by individuals attending an event

it was impossible to organize large, open-air event without individuals. These happened even at Glyndebourne. Mr Harvey Goldsmith, president of the Concert Promoters'

It was tragic that police

resources were being diverted from public order to patrol these ents. There was no option because security guards were employed to guard the proceeds

Mr Steven Norris (Epping Forest, C) said that drugs were distributed at the parties which

were often patrolled by men armed with CS gas. They were held in a hostile and dangerous

Voting Bill approved The Representation of the People Bill, a backbench measure with all-party support which would allow people who had moved home to

vote by post or by proxy where they were registered, was given an Because of the lack of a quorum of 40 MPs, however, it failed to get through its committee stage "on the nod" and now goes to a standing committee. Backed by the Government, the Bill will obviate the need for voters to apply for a postal or proxy vote for

Two other private members' Bills also got unopposed second readings. They are the Protection of Badger Setts Bill and the Access to Health Records Bill.

Association, and others, had said that their legitimate business activities would be at such risk that they would be driven out and prevented from holding

Mr Keaneth Hargreaves (Hyndburn, C) said that this was a timely and necessary Bill, but it should be strengthened. He proposed a £50,000 fine and six months imprisonment. Failure to act would mean respon-sibility for the deaths which

of the drug trafficking and the takings which the Inland Revenue probably heard little about. Current fines were derisory and imprisonment should be an

Mr Stuart Randall, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that the Labour Party believed that tough action must be taken against the organizers of illegal acid-house parties. However, it would be a serious error if in attempting to tackle

the problems of illegal ones, genuine and acceptable promotgenuine and acceptable promot-ers of events, such as music festivals, were penalized. Some people, including some ministers and other MPs, would

like to see a ban on all event attended by large numbers of young people. A lot of people resented the young who were sometimes a bit anti-establishment and liked to kick over the traces. Largely, people should be able to "do their own thing". Mr John Patten, Minister of

State, Home Office, said that there were clearly moral dangers for young people, aged 13, 14 and 15, who were sometimes exposed to drugs for the first time at these parties. He called for no more loose

talk about acid-house parties. These were "pay parties" where promoters made substantial He criticized the "deeply cor-

rupt practice" where a party never actually took place al-though people had paid £20 or "Acid house" was used to lure them into thinking that these

were glamorous and exciting occasions. In fact, they were a way of making a lot of money "by evil and corrupt men". The police did not think that they needed additional powers. but they joined the Government in supporting Mr Bright's efforts to secure a substantial increase

in penalties. Present penalties were very light in comparision to the huge | tive of human relationships".

had made by promoting un-licensed entertainments. The preamizers of such parties could afford to ignore the law. It was necessary, as a matter of ur-gency, that the events be brought under effective licensing control.

The Government, under pow ers in the Criminal Justice Act 1988, would give magistrates the power to order the confiscation of profits where they exceeded £10,000. Organizers would not be allowed to keep the ill-gotten gains they had made by preying on young people. This was their first public warning. They faced confiscation of their assets, imprisonment or heavy fines.

The Government was not seeking the outright banning of anyone enjoying properly or-ganized events. But the Bill would make it no longer worth while for the organizers of paying parties to continue to operate outside the licens

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's Parliamenta report on the opposition of Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) to Mrs Teresa Gorman's Tax Relief for Household Employers Bill, he should have been quoted as saying that her error lay in "carrying the cult of the individ-ual to extremes . . in this form (individualism) is anarchic, inherently selfish and destruc-

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Key Soviet vote could herald end of party power From Mary Dejersky Moscow The Central Communist Party will meet tomorrow to lake a decision which could result in the Worthald evitance of the Soviet Union's republics, and a profice profice of the soviet union's republics, and a profice society, has become the target of reformists inside and ourside the party will meet tomorrow to lake a decision which could result in the Worthald evitance for the Soviet Union's republics, and a profice form and advise on policy. This is a role that has hitherto been the exclusive preserve of the rearry The new presidency will be the main the profile to form and advise on the president profile to form and advise on the presiden

Communist Party will meet tomorrow to take a decision which could result in the eventual eclipse of party power in the Soviet Union. Members are expected to approve President Gorbachov's plans to create the post of Executive State President and to nominate him for job.

The new presidency will carry the authority to set and implement policy independently of the party politburo.

The Central Committee is also likely to approve new arrangements for the selection of delegates to the Communist Party congress in June or July. These should could give younger, and reform-minded, party officials a better chance of being chosen.

Tomorrow's meeting could also sanction changes in the party politburo. There was widespread disappointment among reformists after the Central Committee meeting at the end of

The new presidency will be the main item on the agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies – the 2,250-member assembly, two-thirds of whom were directly elected last year — which opens on Monday. As drafted, the new legislation would give the President the right to interpret the constitution, determine the relationship between different branches of the administration, declare states of emergency, suspend the constitution and rule by decree, and appoint the Government and the judiciary.

It is a combination of roles which would make him, in the eyes of many, the most powerful and least accountable constitutional ruler in the world.

The Bill on the presidency also proposes the establishment of two new state bodies - a soviet (or council) of the federation, bringing together heads of all polithuro and the change presents a direct threat to the power of the party if,

Protest in Georgia Moscow (Reuter) - About 4,000 people stood outside government and Com-manist Party offices in Tollisi, capital of Soviet Georgia, yesterday to protest at President Gorbachov's plan to push through a new system of presidential rule. A spokesman for Tbilisi city council said by telephone the demonstrators

as is likely, Mr Gorbachov eventually gives up the formal post of party leader. The meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies could also decide to reword or even drop the now notorious Article Six from the Soviet constitution.

Article Six, which decrees the com-

included 30 bunger strikers.

countries. Many people want nothing less than its total abolition, but January's Central Committee meeting decided to recommend only its rewording.

The future of Article Six was discussed by the Congress of People's Deputies at its regular session in December at the instigation of the late Dr Andrei Sakharov, but deputies were dissuaded from voting on anything more significant than whether to discuss the question. Now the Central Committee has given a lead, the Congress is likely at very least to accept the recommended wording which requires the Communist Party to justify and compete for its leading role. This would, theoretically, open the way eventually for a multi-party system.

The Bill on the executive presidency is likely to have a less troubled passage through the Congress of People's Deputies than it had at the Supreme Soviet.

which he was trying to introduce so substantial a constitutional change.

However, two weeks ago - after a committee had drafted a definition of the new presidential powers and the necessary constitutional amendments the Supreme Soviet finally approved both the idea of the presidency and the special congress, despite misgivings from several quarters.

Many Popular Front groups in the republics believe that the institution of a powerful state presidency could negate the greater autonomy they have been promised. This is believed to be why the Lithuanian parliament has brought forward its meeting on the question of independence to tomorrow, and in the southern repubic of Georgia yesterday about 4,000 people demonstrated in

constitutional curbs on the president's power, more wide-ranging grounds for impeachment (other than the single proposed reason: violation of the constitution), and for the first president. as well as subsequent ones, to be elected in nationwide elections. According to the draft, the first president can be elected by a majority of the Congress of People's Deputies - and probably will be so elected by the end of next week.

The inter-regional group has, how-ever, been criticized for its tactics in voting for the presidency at all. Some believe that if they had opposed the move, sufficient deputies would have joined them to give Mr Gorbachov a choice between abandoning the idea or overriding the present constitution.

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Uneasy Bonn keen to stem flow of refugees Lithuania paper

West Germany is considering shutting the doors of its emergency temporary accommodation for East German refugees after the election on

The refugees are becoming more and more unpopular and resented, and politicians of all parties are looking at ways of keeping them out.

West Berlin was one of the first cities to refuse taking in

"We were only too happy to take in people who wer' escaping from the old com-munist regime", said Hen Gottfried Hausburg, a taxi driver whose family fled to the West from Brandenburg in 1956. "Many of them had suffered for years before they managed to get out. But the ones coming now are motivated by money and not by the desire to be free.

" Many of them did nothing to overthrow the communists, but now that the Wall has come down they are taking advantage of it. They think our streets are paved with gold and they want to benefit from all the hard work we have done for years without doing anything themselves. Now they have a free vote they cannot possibly be described as refugees any more. They should stay home and work for their own money."

His hardline views are typical of the opinions that have formed as a result of the arrival of 400,000 East Germans since the Wall came down on November 9, and the threat of half a million more of them coming this year.

Yesterday, the leader of the Free Democrats in the Bundestag, Herr Wolfgang Mishnick, said that the emergency housing should be closed down after the election, while the Christian Democrats and Christian Social Union issued a public appeal in Dresden calling on people to stay home and work to set the country on its feet.

Apart from West Berlin and the city state of Bremen, dozens of towns and cities have already refused to accept more refugees. Of the 125,000 who have arrived so far this year only 10,000 have had a home to go to. The rest have had to go into emergency accomodation. The squalid camps, using converted containers, air raid shelters, ships, brothels and gymnasiums, are becoming violent and need

extra policing. Aware that the emergency accomodation is running out,



A triumphant gesture at the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, from Mr Boris Yeltsin, Deputy of the Supreme Soviet, who was promoting his book, Against the grain.

the country have been bought up for the trek west this summer in a massive, new exodus which threatens to round West Germany's pros-

with Herr Walter Momper, West Berlin's Social Democrat Mayor, who has been touring the capitals of the four powers

Bonn - For the first time since the Second World War German aircraft are to be allowed to fly across the inner German border, after an agreement with the four Allies involved (Ian Murray writes). Flights from Erlangen on to Dresden and Leipzig by Lufthansa and Interflug, the East German cirline, will be start today.

who govern his city to warn of the dangers ahead.

Herr Momper sees reunification of Berlin as the key to German reunification and he therefore feels the need to keep in the closest touch with the Allies who run the government - as of this week no longer "military" - which still rules the city.

He wants them to help him East Germans have been slow the apparent charge by

create serious social problems the new Regional Committee, with representatives from camping possible.
both sides of the Wall. The That means that West Gerthe team of experts working to solve the ever growing list slum settlements of East Gerof problems - from sewage mans mushrooming overdisposal to railway systems - night, with the inevitable that affect the city and its social consequences. surrounding area.

> Such face-to-face meetings are important, not least because of the difficulty in communications. The telephone lines to East Berlin are so congested it is sometimes impossible for a call to get through all day long.

According to one aide, however, it is almost impossible to make meaningful progress about anything because "there orders. They are all so used to obeying orders they do not know what to do when there is none so they sit around wait-

ing for things to happen." Nothing, however, is happening to improve living standards. There are virtually no local initiatives and West

preparing. All the caravans in Herr Helmut Kohl, the West structure. The consequence, German Chancellor, towards according to strong evidence collected by Herr Momper's He is making preparations team, is that people are for unity at regular meetings of the new Regional Committee, when the weather makes

Herr Klaus Hätzel, who writes speeches for Herr Momper on social policy, believes that the pressure to leave will grow even more quickly after March 18.

"I think the population will ask the new Government to do a miracle a day and they won't be able to do a miracle a day. They can't turn water into wine. Then people will really start to leave. The is now nobody left who gives curtain on democracy will go up and they will see that there is still a shortage of goods, that there is still misn and that nothing will change

quickly," he noted. Herr Hatzel is one of a group of 12 experts from West Berlin who is exchanging jobs with officials in East Berlin. German aid so far is negligible Before seeing the books, he is compared to the scale of already aware that reunificainvestment needed to repair tion will be a long and

Leading politician denies Stasi links

leader of a conservative East cial rewards and commendcampaign" claims that he had

Democratic Awakening, one sident, Herr Rainer Eppelof the three parties making up the right-wing Alliance for Freya Klier, is said by those Germany, said he had for a dissolving the apparatus in long time passed information to the Bonn Government on the East German regime's repression of political opponents.

This claim was later confirmed by a government spokesman in Bonn, who said that Herr Schnur, a prominent defence lawyer in the East, had "for years" been passing information which enabled West Germany to help political prisoners in the East.

The commission responsible for dissolving the Stasi, the East German security agency, said however that it She was the last prominent had evidence that Herr Schnur opposition figure to be

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin That is the certain belief of group has been formed to try man cities face the prospect of Herr Wolfgang Schmur, the tion and had received finan-

German party, yesterday dis-missed as a "Stalinist smear State Security. The lawyer, who defended worked as an informer for the opponents of the former re-East German security service gime, including the country's Herr Schnur, the head of most famous clerical dis-

mann, and the theatre director Rostock, where he has his practice, to have passed details of his clients contacts and activities to the local Stasi. It is still unclear if the

rumours are the product of an election campaign which is daily gaining in bitterness and in which Herr Schnur has been a sharp and rather un-

But Frau Freya Klier claimed yesterday that information she had given Herr Schnur had been used verbatim as evidence against her at her trial.

fears blockade may have begun

From Anatol Lieven, Vilnius

from Moscow.

The statement by President Moscow would demand a total of 21 billion roubles (£21 billion) in reparations is seen as the prelude to a suspension of supplies of oil and raw

This week the Lithuanian Communist Party newspaper, Tiesa, suggested than an eco-nomic blockade by Moscow has already begun - , citing failure to endorse foreign contracts and to supply essential

goods and investment.
The article said Moscow is also constructing factories to produce goods in which Lithuanian plants currently enjoy a near monopoly in the Soviet Union, such as in the production of certain tele-

vision parts. The evidence given in the article was inconclusive — the examples cited could easily be the result of the economic chaos now afflicting the entire Soviet Union. Notable, however, was the pessimistic tone of the article, which pointed out that to cripple Lithuanian industry, Moscow does not have to impose a blockade - Soviet Union. as this would attract inter-

a crisis situation regarding its staunch supporter of Lithuasupplies of oil and raw materials. "As an independent state, man of a commission of the we must expect that other states will seek their own economic advantage," the naner said.

Another article in Tiesa claimed that the new Lithuanian State Bank "cannot as vet carry out even the duties of a normal bank, let alone play a national role", if Moscow denies it the cash resources.

Tiesa's pessimism is dismissed by supporters of Sajudis as reflecting merely a desire of its sponsors, the Lithnanian Communist Party. to retain a share of power. Mr Aigirdas Brazauskas, the Lithuanian President and the First Secretary of the Communist Party, has frequently

stated that economic independence was essential before political independence could be achieved, implying that this does not as yet exist.

With a formal declaration of at such a crucial time, Lithua-Lithuanian independence im- nia desperately needs a man of minent, many Lithuanians are Mr Brazauskas's calibre to increasingly womed by the negotiate with Moscow - an prospect of economic pressure opinion which is shared by many ordinary Lithuanians.

Sajudis, however, appears Gorbachov on Tuesday that in to have decided to replace Mr the event of independence, Brazauskas as President, prob-Moscow would demand a ably with Dr Vitautas Landsbergis, its chairman. But it is still possible that it may make Mr Brazauskas the Prime Minister.

Most economists in the region are in agreement that for the forseeable future all the economies of the Baltic states

Immigrant row

Jerusalem — The Israeli press has revealed "secret plans" to build a new Jewish suburb near the Arab village of Tsur Bahir, across the "green line" dividing East from West Jern-salem (Richard Owen writes). Mr David Levy, the Housing Minister, also said that 2,000 new flats would be built in East Jerusalem to accommodate immigrants from the Soviet Union. The disclosures will heighten tension with the US over the issue.

- despite their desire to press ahead with political independence - will be tied to the

Professor Eduardas Vilkas. Instead, it only had to create stitute in Vilnius and a nian independence, is chair-Supreme Soviet in Moscow to negotiate on economic independence. He, too, is pessimistic about Lithuania's economic prospects in the medium term.

> "Other economists may tell. you joyful stories about making our economies independent, but I don't see any way of escaping our bad heritage," he said. Dr Vilkas pointed out that due to the republic's integration with the Soviet economy, only 4.5 per cent of all Lithuanian production is exported outside the Soviet Union.Forty per cent of the exports consist of oil from Mazeikiai.

> "So if we were to break off relations with the Soviet Union, we'd have to shut down half our factories for lack of raw materials, and most of the rest for lack of

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the rotting East German infra- expensive business. had worked for the organiza- stripped of her citizenship. Tiesa has been arguing that ptimism rises from grim images of Romania

During five visits to Romania since seen for myself that the images on television, although not giving the whole picture, do not lie. Babies are dying of Aids; pollution in some cities is the worst in the world; food and medical shortages are appalling and political confusion is rife. But I remain optimistic for the future of my country for four

reasons that give us a head start over the East European nations which are also struggling to come to terms with the economic realities of freedom. Despite the terrible price the people had to pay to achieve it, Romania is free of international debt. The \$11 billion (£6.7 billion)

bill has been paid and the slate is clean to start from scratch. As a result of people confusing their hatred of communism with their hatred of Ceausescu, the Communist Party is dead and the restrictive effects it would have had on free enterprise are buried with it. An open market economy is

The problem of how to get rid of Soviet troops does not exist because there are none on Romanian soil. The tourist industry can be re-

vived relatively quickly because

Ceausescu could not destroy the

mountains, the sun and the beaches on the Black Sea. The last point is of particular importance because it can provide a source of foreign exchange soon. The infrastructure of hotels and holiday facilities is in place. They need a facelift and the staff need to



Davis Cup tennis player and manager of Boris Becker, promotes numerous sporting events in West Germany. As a result, his extensive contacts with the German business community have enabled him to secure aid for his homeland — food, medicine, even two months free supply of electricity. Here he looks to the future of a country still struggling to emerge from its dark past.

be taught about service, but this can be learned much faster than how to handle a multi-party political system. Romania has never known democracy. Before communism we had a monarchy which followed 400 years of being sandwiched between the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian

But Romanians are a Latin people who, given the chance, exude warmth, happiness and humour. Offering hospitality to visitors will come as easily to them as it does to the Italians. Political education will take more

time. The urge to get rid of all senior people tainted with the communist brush is natural but would be counter-productive. There were four million members of the Communist Party under Ceausescu. The vast majority were not willing members. To eliminate all the scientists, teachers and technocrats from the workforce now would be a disaster. President Iliescu and Mr Petre

Roman, the Prime Minister, are dedicated to creating a democratic state with free elections and multiple parties. Even since my last visit, news has come that the Government has opened up the country to a free market economy in which foreign investment will not only be accepted but encouraged. This is the best news of all, providing we proceed with careful

iudement. Small businessmen are already everywhere in Bucharest. That is fine, up to a point. With the speed of events, there is a danger that we might choose the wrong partners. There are going to be rough times ahead and Romania needs partners who can stay the course. It is safer to go with the big corporations like Philips, Siemens, Mercedes, Renault or Fiat, who will not run when

the first squall hits. I have experienced during the past few weeks just how willing West German companies are to help.

There were no refusals when I went Ion Tiriac, the former Romanian to the sponsors of my sporting events. Every week for the past two months the small team of Romanians who work with me at our headquarters in Munich have been accompanying truck loads of food and medical supplies into Romania. It is a drop in the ocean, but by depositing the supplies ourselves at each hospital, school or factory, we know that they are reaching their proper destination.

The big electrical concern, RWE, was equally receptive. When I accompanied Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, to Bucharest in January, he quickly relayed permission to RWE to supply electricity. Suddenly, the country had normal light and heating, instead of for just two hours a day. For two months West Germany donated that energy free. Symbolically and literally, we were able to turn the lights back on.

It has, of course, been an emotional experience for all of us. I may have a home in Monte Carlo and offices in New York and Munich, but they say if you are born Romanian, you die Romanian. The last decade, naturally, was a nightmare. Although I have a family of uncles and cousins in Romania, I had only visited it once in those 10 years - for one day. In 1984, I went intending to stay two weeks and left after 24 hours. It was unbearable because everyone needed so much and under Ceauseson, there was nothing I could do.

It will take five years or more for with up to 20 employees.

the younger generation to start getting into positions of real in-fluence, and only they might understand what democracy is all about. What the current generation has to grasp now - and union leadership in this is essential - is that democracy does not mean a better life for less work, but a better life only if you work harder. That is why we need partners, not charity.

• BUCHAREST: Mr Petre Roman, the Romanian Prime Minister, said yesterday that it would take five years to unravel Romania's Communist-imposed centralized economy and convert to a free market system (AP reports). "We want to bring on the market

consumer goods that the population is interested in, both from internal and external sources," Mr Roman told the Council of National Unity, the country's temporary parliament. Mr Roman outlined the Govern-

ment's economic recovery plan during a session scheduled to vote later on an electoral law governing May 20 elections. Mr Roman noted that some

political parties favour a crash program of conversion to a market economy, while others want a more gradual switch under the new government after the elections.

Nonetheless, he said the provisional government had started setting up the basis of a market economy through a decree which took effect on Thursday to promote free enterprise by allowing the establishment of private companies

Now Kim Il Sung 'set to hand over' to his playboy son

Despite all the portents from Eastern Europe the world may be about to witness the birth of the first communist dynasty. President Kim Il Sung is reported to be ready to hand power next month to his son.

Quoting official Chinese sources, the Japanese Kyodo news agency reported yes-terday from Peking that President Kim would step down to let his son and designated heir Mr Kim, aged 48, assume leadership after his 78th birth-

day on April 15.

"He will become North Korea's Deng Xiaoping," said one Chinese source, compar-ing the North Korean presi-dent to China's paramount leader who exercises his im-mense powers from behind the scenes.

An official was quoted as

Descident Kim was

saying that President Kim was likely to relinquish power at an April 22 meeting of the Supreme People's Assembly, the congress of the North Korean Workers' Party. A South Korean official said the congress was being held six months shead of schedule, a possible sign that the group would promote the younger Mr Kim.

A Western diplomat here noted, however, that rumours 10 years ago said the younger Kim would be named as North Korea's Vice-President, a promotion that never occurred. "It's pure speculation as far as I know," the diplomat said of the latest reports. Known as "the Hermit Kingdom", North Korea re-

mains one of the world's most closed societies. President Kim has ruled the country since its foundation in 1948, making him the world's

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South Korean riot police dragging a woman away outside the National Assembly in Seoul after she demanded compensation for the injuries inflicted on her husband in a labour camp. genious thinker, ever-victori- to his father since the early vanished from public view for ous iron-willed brilliant 1970s. But his eccentric six months last year.

commander, sun of the nation and red sun of the oppressed people. Despite his advanced years and a large goitre on his neck, President Kim appears to be in robust health.

behavior has led many observers to doubt his ability.

He is reputed to be a heavy drinker with a taste for highheeled shoes, racy women, pornography, Hollywood The younger Mr Kim, films and international terrorknown as the "Dear Leader", ism. He has never travelled military and lacks his father's has been groomed as successor overseas and he completely

"The length of time he

disappears is not reassuring," senior Western diplomat here said. "If he were a fullblown candidate he'd be He has never served in the

Echoes of the Cultural Revolution

Peking revives a ghostly hero

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

1960s personality cult aimed at an early age to help the poor at filling a vacuum of faith. and needy. Mysteriously, a

The regime has resurrected photographer was always pre-Lei Feng, a young soldier who died in 1962 in a state of unquestioning devotion to the his charitable activities. Communist Party. Anyone walking Peking's streets could be forgiven for thinking he has slipped back a quarter of a century to the days before the army truck. His diary was Cultural Revolution. nounced on March 5, 1963,

Lei Feng's boyishly handsome face beams blandly in chalk from a blackboard at a bus stop. Red banners proclaim that the spirit of Lei Feng is welcoming the Asian Games — to be held in Peking in September. Desks set up by the roadside to "serve the people" in memory of Lei Feng offer free haircuts or bicycle repairs. Few people take up the offer, and the tables stand like unattended altars. The Chinese have seen it all before.

The main item on the radio news might be a 20-minute sermon on Lei Feng's good Samaritan deeds, rendered in hushed tones of reverence, or with the fervour of an evangelical preacher. "Where there is thirst, Lei Feng brings water; where there is hunger, he brings food; where there is cold, he brings warmth . . . Lei Feng's spirit will live forever,"

and pragmatism. The reasons for his second

in the past few weeks, China's combat. He came of the demonstrators last June. The brushed flat across his foreleaders have masterminded perfect pedigree, downtrod-regime is now trying to salvage head and his green uniform the near-religious revival of a den and exploited. He started the party's credibility by get-trousers are extremely baggy. ting back to the roots of socialism - service to one's

revolutionary rebellion".

One soldier who was in the "discovered", and Mao anfront line last June has been posthumously lauded as another Lei Feng.

East Berlin (Reuter) - Mr Zhambyn Batmunkh, the lea-der of Mongolia's Communist Party, said yesterday that the party Politburo will resign on Monday in response to pro- Lei Feng". democracy protests, the East His lieutenant-colonel yells German agency, ADN, said.

from Lei Feng". The Lei Feng campaign became part of the Cultural Revolution.

that everyone should "learn

But in the years after the fall of the Gang of Four in 1976, Lei Feng was put aside, his name rarely mentioned. His unquestioning faith in the Communist Party and his apparent lack of independent thinking sat uneasily with the stand bemused as Zhang move towards modernisation

coming are clear. The party suffered a near-fatal blow to its prestige when it ordered Lei Feng never engaged in troops to open fire on peaceful

sent when he did a good deed, Lei Feng's image was not and Lei Feng kept a diary of blighted by the massacre. But it has since been compromised Lei Feng was killed at the conveniently young age of 22 by a falling telegraph pole which had been toppled by an

But the Lei Feng cult is not confined to the dead. These days a shy young soldier named Zhang Zixiang is being introduced to Chinese workers and others as "the Living

in a parade ground voice as the young soldier walks awkwardly towards a group of hard-hatted construction workers who are regarding him with suspicion: "This is the man Premier Li Peng said you should all study. He's the man you've read about in the

The workers confess they have never heard of him but makes tentative conversation and a photographer clicks away at the proof of the living Lei Feng mixing with the

Zhang is aged 30, married,

He has a friendly bony face and a shy but engaging smile. Clearly nervous about his first interview with foreign journalists, he notes down every question in pencil.

by some leaders, who have said that his spirit helped in the crushing of the "counter-citizen". He insists that he is "just a soldier", his father is "just a colonel, citizen". Zhang's colonel, realizing that reticence on these subjects is unnecessary, reveals that Zhang is in fact a sergeant and his father was a

> "I'm a Communist Party member, and proud of it, Zhang says, and he staunchly defends Lei Feng's un-questioning faith in the party. Yes, there were people who said Lei Feng was a fool, and there are those who say I'm a fool. But if I can do things for the people, I'm happy to be an idiot like Lei Feng.

Zhang has never seen combat and he shifts uneasily in his armchair when he is asked about the Peking massacre. Asked whether Lei Feng would have shot people on June 4, or would have helped to take the wounded to hospital, Zhang seems torn between the politically correct answer that he would have obeyed orders and his human

Eventually, he says desperately: "The shooting was only at a few ruffians, and in

Democracy ship starts to make waves

Just as diplomatic relations between France and China were beginning to improve, the good ship Goddess of

Democracy threatens a renewed bout of

hostilities. Officially named in the port of La Rochelle yesterday, she will soon be bound for the China coast from where, safely outside Peking's territorial waters, Chinese dissidents will bombard the masses with round-the-clock "pro-demo-

Although official sources here are adamant that not a sou of government

cratic" radio programmes.

money is involved in the "Boat for China" project, the hapless French Ambassador in Peking has already been summoned to receive yet another frosty rebuke (his sixteenth, by some counts) about the activities of Chinese dissidents who made Paris their capital in exile after the Tiananmen Square massacre

At the Chinese Embassy, where dissidents called earlier this week to announce their intentions, a spokesman has furiously denounced "this subversive and provocative act" and accused the organizers - notably Mr Wuer Kaixa, the prominent dissident who heads the Federation for Democracy in China - of being "criminals wanted by the police".

There is understandable concern in government circles that the voyage of the Goddess of Democracy, a 1,200-tonne ship equipped with one television and two radio studios, could make waves that will swamp French hopes of restoring more-or-less correct relations with Peking.

Earlier this month, M Michel Rocard, the French Prime Minister, disclosed that there has been a slow but steady growth of relations between Paris and Peking.

Bomb plot 20 years

Paris (Reuter) - Fouad Ali Saleh, aged 31, a Tunisian-Iranian Muslim fundamentalist, accused of killing 13 people in bomb attacks in Paris in 1985 and 1986, was iailed for 20 years for conspiracy to commit terrorist acts drug trafficking and illegal possession of explosives.

Coup charges Manila (AFP) - Three dismissed military officers have been charged with rebellion and murder for ordering the bombing of the presidential

failed coup in the Philippines. Foreign post Nairobi (AFP) - President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya has appointed Mr Wilson Ndolo

Ayah to replace Robert Ouko,

the Foreign Minister whose

palace and military head-

quarters during December's

murder provoked anti-government riots last month. Hawke defiant

Sydney (Renter) - Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister accused of avoiding economic reality in his Labor Party election platform, has brushed off the threat of a 24-Comanil hour strike by metalworkers.

Raid deaths

Beirut (Reuter) - Israeli air-craft killed one Palestinian and wounded two in an attack on guerrilla bases in northern

Ortega pledge

Managua (Reuter) - President Ortega of Nicaragua has unconditionally promised to hand over power to the pro-US alliance that won last

Rabta plant controversy

man jailed UK firm in talks to manage site film-script killing of parents

By David Sapsted and Alan George

complex in Libva which West- . ern governments have branded a centre for chemical weapons production, said yesterday that he was negotiating with a leading British company to manage the site.

The claim by Dr Ibsan Barbonti, a wealthy Iraqi who runs a web of business interests from an office in Chelsea, came just 48 hours after Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the spokesman for President Bush, said the plant at Rabta was already producing poison gas and that US military action to stop it had not been ruled out.

Dr Barbouti and Colonel Gadaffi's regime have always maintained that the chemical plant at the Rabta "Technology Centre", 50 miles south of Tripoli, was solely involved in the production of pharmacenticals. Yesterday, Dr Barbouti, an architect, described claims that the centre was capable of producing chemical eapons as nonsense.

"I am not 100 per cent but 200 per cent sure that these reports are nothing, said Dr Barbouti, aged 62, whose application for British citizen-ship was turned down by the Home Office early last year.

"As far as I know, the plant is not complete. I know, for example, there is no water supply system and, even if the plant were complete, there are no competent engineers to Dr Barbouti added: "I have

had two or three meetings with a well-known UK engineering company to manage the complex."

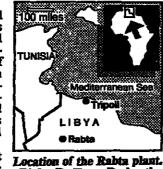
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radict his assertion that the complex, known as Pharma 150, is intended solely for the production of pharmaceuticals. Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told Parliament last year that the Government believes Rabta is intended for the large-scale production of chemical weapons, while US intelligence sources and the West German secret service, BND, estimate that up to 50 tonnes of their consultants and that the mustard gas



Right, Dr Ihsan Barbouti. been produced there since the middle of 1989.

Dr Barbouti, who awarded the contract to build of German export laws.

IBI (Ihsan Barbouti International) Engineering GmbH, a firm operating from FrankImhausen-Chemie, whose managing director has been in custody since last May.

Dr Barbouti has suggested in the past that he knew nothing of Imhausen-Chemie; that his company pulled out of Rabta in June, 1987; and that the Libyans themselves built the chemical plant. Documents obtained by

The Times, however, clearly show that, far from the companies not knowing each other, IBI authorized three Imhausen executives to act as have two organizations were still in



contact over Pharma 150 at least as late as October, 1987. Intelligence sources in Washington believe that, from the outset, Pharma 150 was

the complex in 1984, is a key figure in West German police designed and built as a chemical weapons plant, although Dr Barbouti denies this. He investigations into allegations of a large-scale involvement of said yesterday that he last German firms in Rabta's construction, and the supply visited Libya in 1988. of materials in contravention Rhein-Maas-Seekontor,

West German shipping firm, has admitted shipping 60 topnes of phosphortrichloride, a key ingredient of musfurt until Dr Barbouni sold it tard gas, to Libya. Other However, he refused to in the summer of 1988, was consignments are said to have identify the company, or to the prime contractor at Rabta. been re-routed to the Gadaffi £1,728.

Hong Kong company. Dr Barbouti's business

deals include efforts to buy a cosmetic company in France. Last year, the Government disclosed that an investigation by Customs and Excise officials showed that there had been no breach of British export controls by Dr Barbouti's UK companies.

The Rabta complex itself is situated in a remote area some 50 miles south of Tripoli. When journalists, including a reporter from The Times, were taken there a year ago amid US allegations of chemical weapons production, they were allowed to see Pharma 150 from a distance but forbidden from entering it. The original design included a foundry, a plastic moulding workshop, engineering and maintenance depots.

Dr Barbouti said in an interview last year that the securing of the contract had dramatically changed his for-tunes. "I left for Libya on March 13, 1984. I remember that day because it changed my life. Hitherto, I had made pennies; now I made millions," he was reported as

The father of four children, Dr Barbouti describes himself as stateless. The headquarters of IBI Incorporated (UK) Ltd are in Sloane Avenue, Lon-don, SW3, the company having been set up in January, 1987, by which time the Rabta contract was well underway.

The most recent, publiclyrecorded balance sheet for the company was for the year ending January 31, 1988. It recorded a net deficit of

Hollywood heir accused of

his parents in an alleged scheme inspired by a screenwritten by his younger

The arrest of Mr Lyle Menendez, aged 22, closed a chapter in one of Hollywood's most shocking murders in this business for 30 recent years. The mutilated I've never seen a new bodies of José Enrique savage as this one." Menendez, aged 45, the Cu-ban-born head of Live Entertainment Inc, one of the biggest video distributors, and his wife, Kitty, aged 44, were found last August in their Beverly Hills mansion. Police speculated at the time that the Mafia could have been

Police said on Thursday

psychiatrist. An arrest warrant was issued for his brother, play about the perfect murder, Eric, aged 19, who was taking part in a professional tennis

tournament in Israel. Commissioner Marvin Iannone, the Beverly Hills police chief, said: "I've been in this business for 30 years and I've never seen a murder as

According to police sources, Mr Eric Menendez once cowrote a 66-page screenplay about committing the perfect murder. His mother helped to type the sometimes intricate and confusing play, entitled "Friends," which centres on the criminal exploits of a pampered youth with a fascination for dying. The two

police said.

The sons reported finding their parents' bodies after returning from a night out. Menendez was shot eight times from a distance of about 3ft. His wife was hit by five shotgun blasts.

Menendez had arrived in the United States in 1960 at the age of 16, sent from Cuba by parents who were worried that he would become a communist if he remained on the island. He made his name turning Carolco Pictures, the entertainment company that put out the Rambo films, into a highly profitable concern. His last firm, Live Enterbiggest video distributors.

Keats' museum searches for ideal Englishman



increasingly rare species: an 19th-century England. Englishman abroad.

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The house is known to surprisingly few of the millions of tourists who, each year walk past No 26 Piazza di Spagna. Inside, they would find a world remote from the that they have seen without 200 million line a year bustle of the Spanish Steps a doubt a jewel even among (£100,000) and the facade will

18th-century house in Rome the hottest July afternoon, museums. needs a member of that there is preserved the calm of Port this

In one of the rooms, the finest library of English 10mantic literature anywhere on retires. When Sir Joseph took the Continent has survived two world wars, threatened demolition and almost certain

In another room, the poet's death mask gazes on unperturbed by the chic girls who clatter past outside, hamburgers in hand from the nearby McDonald's. Those who venture inside

But this year the normally cool pace of life in the house is

set to change as the present curator, Sir Joseph Cheyne, over in 1976, the museum was facing almost certain financial ruin. Its annual turnover had sunk to 12 million lire (£6,000), its facade was dilapidated and urgent repairs

threatened bankruptcy. But in an amazing reversal of fortunes, by the time Sir Joseph retires in a few months, the turnover of the No 26 come away convinced house will have increased to

The most fastidiously kept few yards away. Here, even in Rome's many spectacular have been restored to an immaculate, if fruity, pink.

"There's no doubt that the Great God - and of course the poets have all been with us on our side over the years," Sir Joseph, silver haired in a battered tweed coat, says. Beneath his Edwardian

calm, there lies one of the

shrewdest fund raisers in Italy.

But despite a flood of applications for his post, find-

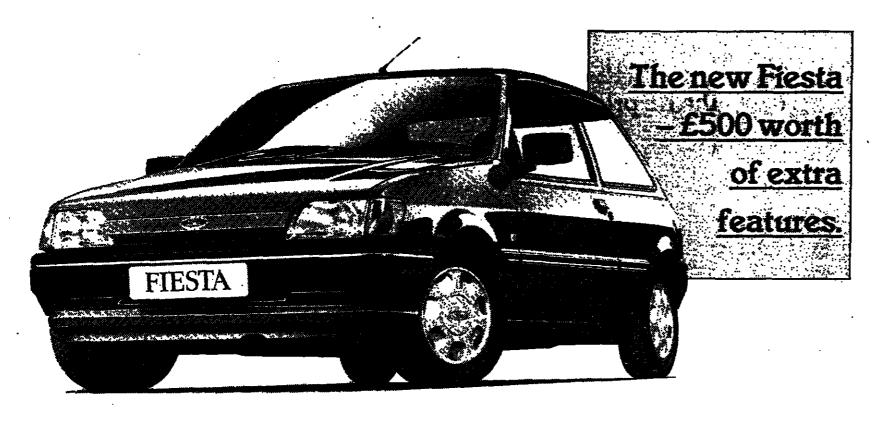
ing a suitable candidate may be quite difficult. Although traditionally, the post has been filled by an Englishman, many believe that the strongest candidates



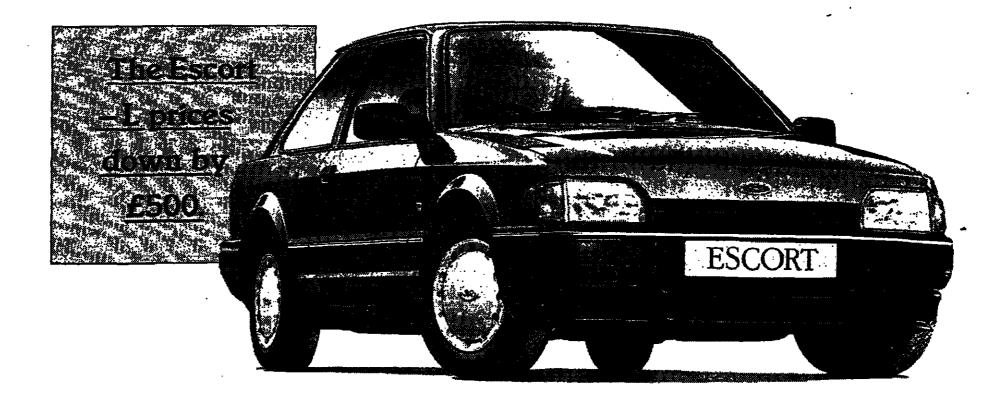
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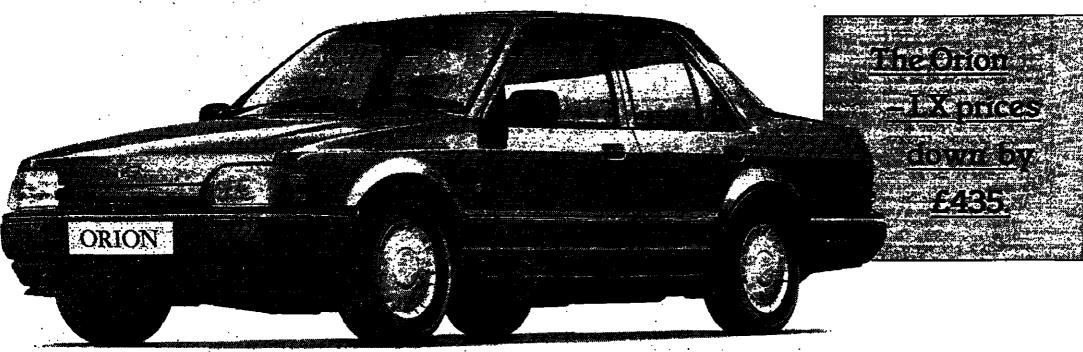
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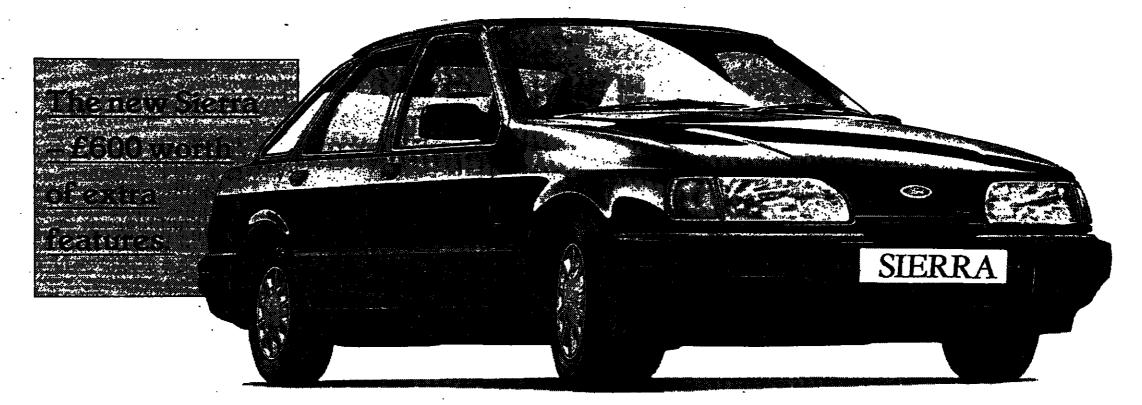
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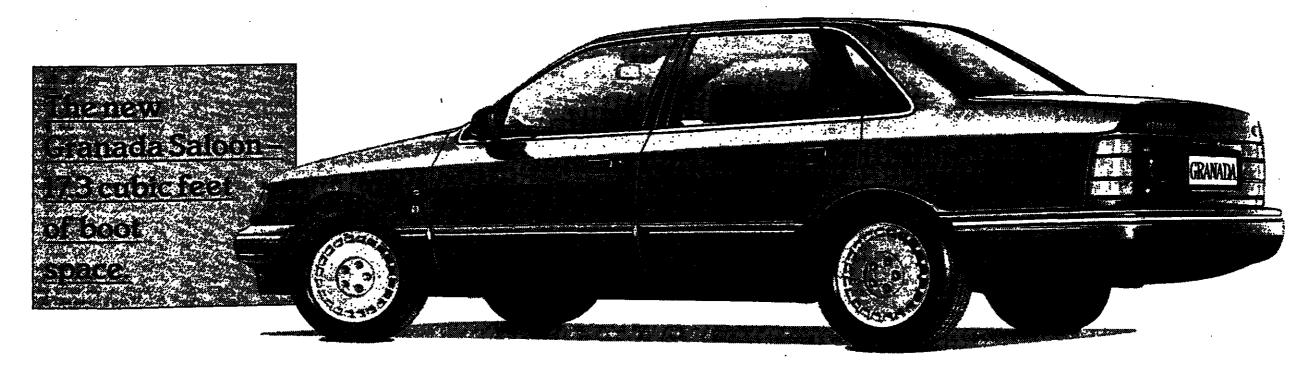
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SIMON BARNES

he great thing about golf, so golfing people constantly tell me, is that it allows them to get out into the countryside. Now I learn that one of the last great wilderness areas of Western Europe -Coto Donana, south of Seville - is threatened by a proposed holiday resort for 32,000 people that would include the largest golf complex on the continent. The problem is the likely effect on the water table.

The Coto Donana national park is home each winter to 10,000 flamingos. It has major colonies of heron, egret, spoonbill and avocet. All would be at risk if the park's wetlands were destroyed. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is leading the opposition to the project. Laurence Rose, senior international officer, said: "The scheme should not go ahead without a public assessment of its environmental impact. Without such an assessment, or if the assessment finds that it would damage Coto Donana, the scheme is unacceptable."

ith spring and Cheltenham in the air, my racing snout leaps into action after his winter's slumber and offers for the National Hunt Festival. Try Stone Flake in the Triumph Hurdle, and Fort Noel in the Sun Alliance Novice Hurdle. If the going is pretty firm on Tuesday, Kribensis is the boy for the Champion Hurdle. But if mud is up to their eyeballs on Thursday, have an each-way flutter on Nick The Brief in the Gold Cup, even against the great Desert Orchid.

his being the column that supports goalkeepers, I send greetings to Paul Robbins of Hoddesden Town. Robbins is normally a centre forward, but on a gaudy night in the semi-final of the Herts Senior Trophy, he turned goalkeeper and tasted triumph. The match against Park Street had finished at 1-1 after extra time, and a penalty shoot-out was held. Tony Tillbrook, Hoddesden's regular goalie, saved the third penalty, but the referee said he had moved, and ordered the kick to be retaken. In the subsequent kerfuffle, Tillbrook was sent off, Robbins took the jersey, and promptly saw his side fall behind 2-3. Disaster and defeat were seconds away. Then the god of misrule that looks after madmen, drunks and goalies took over: Robbins's first two touches as a goalkeeper were to save two successive penalties. Hoddesden scored from their own kicks. and won the shoot-out 4-3.



'Of course, he's had a lot of experience highlighting the plight of people haddling together under one roof

¬ he iditarod, the sled dog race across Alaska, has always been a favourite event of this column. This year I hear that because deep snow has made grazing difficult, moose are particularly aggressive. Rick Swenson, the only "musher" to have won the race four times, was in the lead and heading for a river crossing when he realized that a moose was making for the same place. It was a collision course, and the meeting was an unhappy one; the moose turned on the team of dogs, and set about trampling them. Swenson retreated to the the town of McGrath for repairs, and saw his rivals, including the great Susan Butcher, sweep past. Later a bush pilot reported seeing a moose having a go at another team. The race, which started last weekend, lasts a fortnight or even longer, depending on whether conditions are horrific or merely appalling it runs from Anchorage to Nome on the Bering Sea coast, and takes the mushers across frozen rivers, tundra and mountain passes. It comes close to making the Round the World Yacht Race look like a

rs Thatcher, one of the more confrontational of British games players, went yesterday to Ibrox, home of Glasgow Rangers football club, to make the draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup. The lady obviously has a taste for Scottish football: you may recall that in 1988 she presented the Scottish Cup. Indeed, the Celtic fanzine carried a frontcover picture of the event: Mrs T presenting the trophy to the Celtic captain, Roy Aitken. A prophetic Private Eye-style bubble going to pay my poll tax."

resigned from the Israeli Cabinet last month because I fear that its present political initiatives, even if founded on a sincere attempt to achieve peace, reward the Palestimans for their terrorism, and increase the risks

Israei should immediately put an end to the terrorism of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has claimed hundreds of innocent Jewish and Arab victims in the last two

years alone. The government's initiatives include movement toward Palestipian elections in Judea. Samaria and the Gaza Strip. These moves are paving the way for the establishment of a second Palestinian state in the land of Israel, west of the Jordan River, in addition to the existing one, the Kingdom of Jordan.

But there can be no democratic elections; because of the PLO's ongoing terrorism, the state would undoubtedly be created by the PLO. Such a state would control strategic mountainous terrain on the West Bank overlooking the coastal plain. This means that the width of Israel's coastal plain (where two-thirds of the Jewish population live) would shrink to an average of about 14 miles. This would constitute a death sentence, for Israel's main infra-

Israel's path to suicide

of Palestinian and Arab missiles, rockets and artillery, as well as terrorism and a large-scale con-

ventional invasion. The government's policies are also leading to a renewed division of Israel's sovereign and eternal capital, Jerusalem.

Predictably, the Arab states will take our policies as an indication of weakness, and will begin a campaign of military aggression. The continuing war between Israel and the Arab states (apart from Egypt) has no logic or justification. If regional peace is to be reached — in the near future, I

hope - it can be achieved only if the following conditions are met. First, opening the bridges between Israel and Jordan, Second. democratization of the totalitarian regimes in the Arab coun-tries. Third, reduction and equalization of the military might of the two parties. Fourth, a solution to the problem of Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip. Fifth, conclusion of a formal peace treaty between Israel and the Arab states.

The long-term pressure ex-erted by the US has undoubtedly

On the eve of a crucial Cabinet

meeting, Ariel Sharon sets out the conditions he considers essential

before talks with the Palestinians

contributed to the political tremors in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Today a similar US effort must be directed towards the Arab regimes, for the best guarantee of peace is democracy in the Middle East.

A stable peace can be achieved only by a drastic reduction of the military threat. Surely we can reduce and equalize the military strength of the two parties, just as relations between Nato and the Warsaw Pact are undergoing a historic change. The long-range arms systems should be reduced first, followed by tactical forces such as armour and combat aircraft. The aim would be to return to the force levels of the 1950s, when the munual military

threat was minimal.

Middle East disarmament must be dealt with at the global

level. In contrast to the Soviet Union, which is reducing its armed forces, the Arab states are escalating the regional arms race. Their tremendous purchasing power and the surpluses created by the force-reduction agreements in Europe are making disarmament more difficult to

accomplish.

Putting pressure on Israel to resolve the differences with its neighbours without first guaranteeing democracy and disarmament throughout the Arab world amounts to asking Israel to be prepared to commit suicide for the sake of peace. A more trutful approach

would be to work out interim procedures so that Israel and the Arab states can test each other and gradually build mutual trust. For example, it is necessary to open the bridges between Israel and Jordan immediately, just as the Berlin Wall was pulled down and the barbed wire removed

from Eastern Europe. With the Jordan River bridges open, free traffic in both directions would help create a climate of peace. Instead of symbolizing division and suspicion, the river would be a link signifying hope of talks between the two sides.

The Arabs cynically chose to turn the Palestinian refugee problem into a political weapon. The US, European countries and Israel must work together to assist these refugees. It is possible to start toward this goal by urbanizing and industrializing the Gaza Strip, where hundreds of thousands of refugees live.

Several Arab countries could well be the first to enjoy the dividends of peace if my programme is instituted. Egypt, for example, is undergoing a chronic and ever more acute economic crisis. Why is it using a large part of its US aid for military growth? Why does it need to maintain a gigantic army? Why does it need the 700 new tanks the US is about to give it free? Who is threatening Egypt, especially

now that Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, is its close friend? Jordan, too, is undergoing a cosis and is investing vast amounts in armaments. Against whom will these arms be used?

One of my intentions in resigning from the Cabinet was to make sure on one in the future will be able to ask why no member of the government's inner circle stood up in time to sound a warning about what is likely to happen (as they now ask of the Jewish leaders of Europe in the 1930s and America in the

Freed from cabinet restraints. I am trying to exploit the golden opportunities that result from the relaxation of international tensions, so that Israel can move further down the road toward

More than 13 Likud members of the Knesset who share my opposition to policies advance by the prime minister. Yitzhak Shamir, have been working with me, and with two Cabinet ministers, to try to push the peace process the right way.

The proposed summit meeting of the Israeli. Egyptian and US foreign ministers is the wrong approach. It would not encourage peace, but lead to false expectations and still more bloodshed.

C The New York Three

Ulster: suspend the agreement

he Irish Supreme Court last week delivered an important judgment concerning interpretation of Article 1 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. From this judgment it appears that this Article means quite different things to the Irish and the British signatories.

In Article 1 (a) both parties "affirm that any change in the status of Northern Ireland would only come about with the consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland". At the time of the signature of the agreement, it was widely assumed in Britain, and internationally, that the status of Northern Ireland is that of a part of the United Kingdom. But it is now clear that Northern Ireland enjoys no such status in the laws of the Republic, for in the opinion of its highest legal authorities, the only legitimate jurisdiction in the island of reland is that of the government

Furthermore, that government has a duty to substitute its own legitimate jurisdiction for the illegitimate jurisdiction of the United Kingdom at the earliest possible date. Delivering the unanimous judgment of his Justice Finlay declared that "the reintegration of the national territory is a constitutional

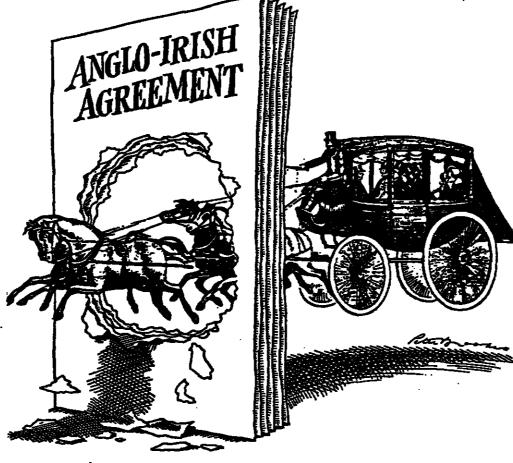
imperative". The Chief Justice was referring to Articles 2 and 3 of the 1937 Constitution of Ireland. Article 2 reads: "The national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland, its islands and the territorial seas." Article 3 asserts the right of jurisdiction of the lrish state over the whole island of Ireland, and suspends this "pending the reintegration of the

national territory' So the Anglo-Irish Agreement is an agreement between two parties, each claiming the right of jurisdiction over the same territory. One of the parties is under a "constitutional imperative" to substitute its own jurisdiction for that of the other in the disputed territory, and so must use the Anglo-Irish Agree-

ment towards that end. Furthermore, the party in possession of the disputed territory is assenting to the agreement being used in that way, for, when it signed the agreement, it was aware of the provisions of the Irish Constitution.

I wonder whether there is a historical precedent for an international agreement with this particular cluster of characteristics?

When the agreement was signed, Mrs Thatcher repeatedly declared that it did not weaken, but actually strengthened, the union between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She clearly meant what she said, but the claim is untenable. The union in question cannot possibly be strengthened by a consultative partnership between the govern-



Conor Cruise O'Brien urges the

Government to heed a Dublin court ruling that challenges the

existence of the United Kingdom

ment of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and a government that is constitutionally obliged to work towards the dissolution of that kingdom.

It seems to have been assumed on the British side, that the de jure claims in the Irish Constitu-tion had somehow become in-operative. Soon after the agreement came into force, Tom ing, then Northern Ireland Secretary, said the Irish government had given up its claim to the unity of the island. That statement had to be withdrawn, at the request of Garret Fitz-Gerald, the Irish prime minister, but may still have been felt to be substantially true,

It is not true, however. If there were ever any doubt about that, it has to be removed by the Irish Supreme Court's unanimous decision of March 1, 1990, in the case of Christopher McGimpsey and Michael McGimpsey (plain-tiffs) v. Ireland and Others (defendants). In particular, Chief Justice Finlay's finding that "the reintegration of the national territory is a constitutional imperative" establishes that Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution of Ireland cannot be treated as irrelevant to the operation of the Anglo-Irish

By entering into that agreement while Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution remained in force, Mrs Thatcher's government made a serious mistake. As a general principle it may be affirmed that no government should conclude an agreement concerning a part of its territory with another government that is laying claim to that territory. A government which breaches that principle inescapably gives the impression that it is on the way towards accepting the other government's claim. That is exactly the impression that was created in Ireland by the Angio-Irish Agreement, which is why it infuriated the Unionists.

s Professor Tom Wilson points out in the chapter on "The Anglo-Irish Agreement in his admirable recent book, Ulster: Conflict and Consent (Blackwell), the reception of the Anglo-Irish Agreement would have been "transformed" if it had been preceded by a referendum in the Republic which led to the abolition of Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution. The people of Northern Ireland were never consulted about that constitution, and its claim to a right of jurisdiction over their territory is profoundly offensive to most of

them. So an Anglo-Irish Agreement understood on the Irish side to incorporate that constitutional claim must give equal offence.

One must also consider the effect of such an agreement on the IRA, which is killing people in order to enforce the claim contained in Article 2. By accepting an agreement compatible with that claim, the British government has suggested to the IRA that it is moving, gradually and obliquely, towards accep-tance of its claim, and towards abandoning the Unionists of Northern Ireland (and the nationalists too) to their fate.

Nothing has done more to help the IRA to continue murdering than the British government's habit of implying that it may be on the way out of Northern Ireland. The Angio-Irish Agreement, in relationship with Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution, embodies that implication. If after last week's decision of the Irish Supreme Court, the British government continues to operate the agreement, with partners whom it now knows to be under that particular "constitutional im-perative", then the impression that Britain's days in Northern Ireland are numbered will be strengthened, and so, propor-

tionately, will the IRA. The right thing to do is to suspend the operation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement pending a referendum in the Republic on Articles 2 and 3. What is more likely is that the British government will ignore the Supreme Court decision, as the British media appear to have done. That is a dangerous course.

Michael Kinsley

Who beat Ortega?

wo years ago, after Congress cut off all US support for the Contra war in Nicaragua, President Reagan de-clared: "Those who led the fight against our package of assistance to the democratic resistance cannot escape responsibility for what followed." What followed - cease-fire, a free election, victory for the opposition turned out to be pleasanter than

anyone dared to predict. Only yesterday the Contras were said by their supporters to be a spent force, thanks to the perfidy of Congress. Now those same supporters say it was the Contras themselves who achieved this splendid victory. They have undergone a stunning

retrospective recovery. "On your head be it" was a major theme of the Contra lobby during the years of ideological struggle here in Washington. "Which side are you on?" asked Patrick Buchanan, White House communications director, in The Washington Post in 1986. Whether Central America becomes the next appendage of the Soviet Empire is a question to which the Democratic Party in Congress now holds the answer." Failure to fund the Contras would lead, as night follows day, to loss of Central America". ru Am the way of Nicaragua, they will be in San Diego." (Buchanan's

The pro-Contra argument was that unless the war continued, the Sandinistas were certain to consolidate their power. Anyone who thought otherwise - who held out hope for regional negotiations, for moral persuasion, for internal discontent, for the natural economic catastrophe of a Marxist economy - was considered hopelessly naïve or a

secret communist sympathizer.
Congress did briefly approve military aid to the Contras in 1986 and "humanitarian" aid at other times. And the Reagan administration managed some illegal military assistance before that. Over the years, 30,000 Nicaraguans died in the Contra war — in proportion to population, the equivalent of almost three million Americans. Those who wish to give the Contras credit for the triumph of democracy in Nicaragua are reduced to arguing that Washington's onagain, off-again support, for which they had nothing but contempt at the time, was exactly the right approach: by a remarkable coincidence, 30,000 deaths was precisely the right number; more would have been otiose, but fewer would have been insufficient.

There is a grain of truth in this. What may have helped, if anything, is a sort of bad-cop, good-cop strategy, with the White House threatening war and Congress offering negotiations. But how many more Nicaraguans would have died if the Contra supporters had had their way all along? And what would be the situation in Nicaragua today?

Probably a bloody civil war, with the Sandinistas still in charge. At best there would be a militarily installed junta with no electoral legitimacy, and a renewed guerrilla war being fought by the ousted Sandinistas in the hills. Surely it is more wholesome to speculate about whether today's happier result might have been achieved with only 20,000 war deaths, or 10,000, or even none

RENE BLIN

Most Contra supporters never acknowledged the cost in blood and destruction that they were willing to impose. Throughout his eight years in office, Ronald Reagan apparently believed the Contras were not the sort of people who blew up power stations, because this would hurt the people of Nicaragua".

Impoverishing the people of Nicaragua was precisely the point of the Contra war and the parallel policy of economic boycott and veto of international development loans. US thinking has been at its most Orwellian on this point: blaming the Sandinistas for wrecking the economy while devoting our best efforts to doing precisely that ourselves.

The Sandinistas could have wrecked the economy on their own, but we did not give them the chance. Economic disaster was probably the victorious Nevertheless, it was also Orwellian for Washington, having done this, to pose as the exhorter and arbiter of fair elections in Nica-

f course the most important factor in explaining the unexpected collapse of communism in Nicaragua is the unexpected collapse of communism in the Soviet Union. To what extent US policies of the past decade (as opposed to the broader, bipartisan policies of the past two generations) are responsible for

that collapse is another question. One way to think about these things is to ask what the "Reagan-did-it" crowd would be saying today if the opposite had happened. What if the Soviet Union were as unreconstructed and malevolent as ever. Would they be saying, "Well, I guess Reagan's policies were a mistake"? Or would that also, in their view, have proved the wisdom of the arms build-up, Star Wars, and so on? If Daniel Ortega had declared himself emperor and launched a fullscale invasion of El Salvador, would Contra supporters be taking credit for that? The questions answer themselves.

All eyes are now on Cuba. Just about the only hard-core Stalinist country left in the world is the one to which US opposition has been most implacable. Even when American leaders were hugging and toasting Brezhnev, they were isolating and reviling Castro. Would hardliners take responsibility for the success of this policy?

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Here is a message for all dogs who like the occasional nip and want their names in print. Firstly: poodles, Labradors, family-style dogs. To get into the provincial daily press (The Barchester Eve-ning Chronicle) you must bite. Hard. Preferably kids. And draw blood. It's got to support words like "maul" or "savage attack" in

the headline. To get into tabloids like The Sun or Daily Express, a good bite alone won't do. So pull out all stops. Bare your teeth, think "demented", "devil-dog" and "intensive care", and you're in with a chance. And to hit the Fleet Street qualities? Don't bother. The FT doesn't photograph retrievers.

Rottweilers. Much easier for you. The provincial press will take nearly anything with "Rottweiler" in it - just a little graze, an abrasion, a whimpering

Baiting the hound that feeds

by biting another dog! For the national tabloids, though, it has to be a jolly good bite. And the qualitie papers? Yes, worth a try, but you really must go for it: see the advice above to Labradors wishing to reach The Barchester Chronicle.

Bandogs (the new Rottweilerpit bull terrier cross from America). Just sparl.

How do I know this? Easy. Two research assistants, a mobile phone, the Willings Press Guide list of daily papers, a note pad, and two little lies:

Lie 1. "Hello? News desk? I'm a stringer [freelance journalist] temporarily in your area. Look,

you...yes, local... No, only the outline so far, but there's a phone number...Yes I could sell it to you; but they're friends, so I'd better check first. Do you want me to follow it up?

Lie 2. "Hello? Newsdesk . . . Got a dog bite story... What's that? No - not a Rottweiler. Just a biggish, mongrelish Labrador-style pooch. Shall I follow it up? What kind of thing are you likely to use?"

We got through 50 papers. With the nationals (which were unlikely to notice the coincidence) we tried both stories. The outcome was startling. Reaction was remarkably uni-



form across papers of similar types. Papers of every type would report our Rottweiler bite if it was sufficiently serious. How serious depended on the circulation and the pretensions - of the

paper; the smaller the circulation, the smaller the bite. Most provincials were interested in anything with "Rottweiler" in it. "Oh yes! Rottweilers are all the go at the moment!" exclaimed a Northwestern daily. Its East Midlands sister was "certainly interested! For the first edition please."
"We'd love it," said a South Coast daily.

Fleet Street demanded more from the delinquent Rottweiler. The broadsheets insisted on grave injuries, while the tabloids wanted what one called "a good mauling". "If the wounds are more than superficial," said another. "Any chance of a hos-

And what if the dog was only a "Labrador-style pooch"? Fleet Street, both tabloids and broadsheets, treated our inquiries with contempt. They were not interested in the severity of the wounds. "I don't think so somehow" summed it up. "Thanks but no thanks," said another. And about half the provincials took the same attitude. As one Northeastern daily put it: "Now if it had been a Rottweiler . . "

Of the remainder, some were non-committal ("Not desperately. Get back to me when I'm not so busy"); some were interested, and most were typified by a Mersey daily: "Ah, we get lots of that sort. It would have to The Mailock Mercury."

be a fairly decent bite to arouse our interest"; or (from Lan-cashire): "We would want something dramatic."

Britain is a big country. At any time, canine teeth of every breed are sinking into human flesh of every texture; walls are falling on pedestrians and motorists are being blown into trees; people languish with food poisoning, and children are being sexually abused. It is not to diminish the seriousness of these things, nor to deny that they may sweep the country in waves, to observe that it is not necessary for an epidemic to occur for honest reporting to give the impression that it has Art holds not a mirror, but a filter, up to nature. Selectivity,

not dishonesty, is the greatest liar. My thanks to researchers Jason 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone: 01-782 5000

LE PRÉSIDENT SOLEIL

The General Secretary is dead. Long live the President! Mr Mikhail Gorbachov will tomorrow celebrate five years at the head of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union by inviting its Central Committee to approve radical constitutional changes to create an executive presidency. Though there is virtually no chance of the proposal's being refused, its acceptance will be a richly symbolic abdication of political power by the institution in which it has reposed for seven decades.

The new office is supposedly intended to give Mr Gorbachov a more secure base, independent both of the party and the Congress of People's Deputies, from which to carry perestroika forward. Behind this public defence of the projected head of state, there lies a hidden agenda. Whatever revenge the Soviet nationalities, including the Russians, may now exact from the Bolshevik boyars, such a fate would be unthinkable for the man who broke their oppressors' spell. For large sections of the Russian intelligentsia, Mikhail Sergeyevich is too rare a captain to be allowed to go down with his ship in the approaching tempest.

Future artists will surely find splendid material in the stormy scenes presently enacted within the Kremlin. Eisenstein was once summoned by Stalin to explain his presenta-tion of Tsar Ivan the Terrible's ruthless suppression of opposition. Stalin could not find anything to criticize in Ivan; if anything, the Tsar had not been thorough enough in annihilating the enemies of the State.

Mr Gorbachov would doubtless place himself in a somewhat different tradition of Russian rulers; but the fundamental principle that the good of the common people justifies any means has not changed. As President he will enjoy powers greater than any head of a constitutional state should need. The Soviet Union, however, still lacks a civil society, without which constitutions have limited meaning.

A workers' and peasants' State was the goal proclaimed by the revolution; it has, in a sense, been achieved. But Mr Gorbachov now has his work cut out to recreate the lost bourgeoisie, whose extinction at the hands of his predecessors had until lately prevented the emergence of the institutional and legal infrastructure of a free country.

Hence the future President could attempt to justify his concentration of power by reference to the political primitivism of his people. But the Soviet nationalities are already sufficiently exhilirated by the experience of the past five years to react with fury to any attempt by those in authority to patronize them. Mr Gorbachov's freedom of manoeuvre has already been restricted by the incipient democratic tendencies which he himself set in

Power is less likely to corrupt those who exercise it over free men than those who wield it absolutely over slaves. The deceptive parallel between Mr Gorbachov and Peter the Great is popular in the West; not, however, in Russia

Louis XIV and his fellow enlightened despots devoted a great part of their reforming zeal to the creation of centralized bureaucratic states as a means to the extension of their power. Lenin inherited just such a system, though one fallen on hard times. Through all the vicissitudes of the intervening decades, the only enduring communist innovation has been the vast expansion of the security services. Otherwise little of substance has changed.

While it is entirely conceivable that Mr Gorbachov will soon decide that the cult of Lenin, too, is expendable, it is far more difficult to imagine him dismantling Lenin's State. The new presidency, indeed, suggests that he intends to move in the opposite direction: towards ever greater concentration of power at the centre.

ARE WE BEING SERVED?

Not all of those who are calling for action in the Fayed affair are entirely clear about what they would like to see done, but the sort of baying that has been heard in the last few days is normally associated with blood. Some people (they include a number of Tory backbenchers) appear to think that it could as well flow from the veins of Mr Nicholas Ridley as from those of the owners of the House of Fraser.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry is to this administration what Samuel Beckett was to the world of the theatre. He is impervious to the views of critics or public. Not everybody understands what he is getting at all the time, but it is uneasily conceded that - he might be saying something important. His rinstincts, like those of the creator of Godot, are severely minimalist — his statement to the Commons about the mammoth Harrod's report lasted all of two minutes.

Mr Ridley is further believed to harbour the out of a job by letting most of the functions of his Department wither on the vine. This is an idea which most politicians find eccentric, and

some downright unsporting. What, then, might he have said if he had addressed the House a little less briefly on Wednesday afternoon? A few sentences of xenophobic harrumphing would have gone down well, no doubt, but Mr Ridley is too fastidious a man for that. A passing reference to the integrity of royal warrant holders might have earned him a growl of approval, too. All that he did say, in fact, was that to employ his quasi-judicial powers to bar the Fayeds from their directorships would not be in the public

_ - · interest. In political terms, that was a mistake which is another way of saying that it was not what people wanted to hear. Mr Ridley's contention was that since there were no longer any outside shareholders, such an action would have no effect. His critics argue that he defines the public interest altogether too narrowly. Mr Ridley, with a shrug of patrician disdain, observed simply that the matters under discussion were not "particularly heavyweight". If the secretary of state's temperament allowed him to be more in sympathy with "gesture" politics, he could well have detained the House longer with a few rhetorical flourishes. The disqualification of the Fayed brothers might have been no more than a gesture, but it would have been an important one, signalling government concern for the good name of the business and financial

Beyond that point, the flow of helpful suggestions to Mr Ridley dries up rather rapidly. It is clearly reprehensible that the Fayeds should have lied as they did. It is only, however, on April 1, when last year's Companies Act comes into effect, that it will become an offence to give false or misleading information in the context of a bid investigation.

Equally, it is only when the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Bill passes into law that the authorities will have powers they need to be able to probe effectively into alleged offences with overseas ramifications. The Trade Secretary's better-informed critics concede privately that the DTI report might be of little use in a court of law, and that as things stand at present, he had few effective remedies to hand.

The Harrods affair has added greatly to the gaiety of the nation, but it has not shown the House of Commons at its most intelligent. There have been calls for an early debate, and there should certainly be one, preferably with the Attorney General in his place.

The Government's business managers may be tempted to kick the ball into the long grass by naming a date after Easter. They would be wiser, the difficulties posed by the Budget notwithstanding, to find time in the next couple of weeks.

The danger of apoplexy will have receded by then, and members will have had time to reflect on the wise words of a German visitor to Knightsbridge this week - "Harrods is not a national treasure, it's a department store, for goodness sake".

NEEDS SOME ATTENTION

The biggest financial investment ever entered into by most people in Britain is the purchase of a house, yet it is the one in which they have been least protected. The actual purchase is subject to some legal control, but in choosing the property and agreeing a price the purchaser is all too vulnerable to abuse. Caveat emptor has been the principle. The buyer should indeed always beware, but like an explorer entering the jungle he also needs some protection. This is truer now than ever before as the home-

owning sector expands and changes shape. Such is the background to the long-awaited report from the Office of Fair Trading which seeks to tighten the regulations governing estate agents and extend the Trade Descriptions Act to home purchase. Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder and the "charming bijou residence in West London" may indeed seem like that to its proud owner, even if it is a cramped terraced house near Shepherd's Bush. A "south-facing flat with completely open aspect" may have an uninterrupted view over a sewage farm, although unless it is quickly snapped up sight unseen, that blemish at least should be fairly obvious. Not so the "Edwardian dwelling, structurally sound" whose walls are feeling the heavy strain of subsidence. Such poetic licence might not be thought entirely

It is no less clearly improper for an agent to push up the price by inventing a phantom "buyer" or for him to put pressure on a client to take out a mortgage or insurance policy through the agent. Those who transgress these

rules might soon be banned from trading. Few would quarrel with the fitting of such "teeth". Most reputable estate agents have long called for them. The profession's reputation is unenviable, partly because of the work practices of its less scrupulous members. The

number of agents has mushroomed in recent years, reflecting the boom in the property selling market. The result has been a proliferation of "cowboy" agents. It is obviously in the interest of established businesses that these all too plausible newcomers are weeded out.

The Government had hoped for a voluntary code of conduct, but it was the established agents who opposed this. Their argument was that while they would abide by it, those it was aimed at would not. An enforced code. introduced through changes to the 1979 Estate Agents Act was the only answer. This sounds sensible enough and the proposals from Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, would seem to be on the right lines.

What is not certain is whether they go far enough. Sir Gordon has stopped short, for instance, of proposing the introduction of minimum standards. He points out that most criticism of house agents has concerned their sense of ethics rather than their professional competence. The Government too has always been against it, on the rather different grounds that the introduction of qualifications and requirements might impose too tight a restriction on the market place. The selling of houses, like the selling of greengroceries, should be open to all who abide by the law and

all relevant regulations. Many agents themselves are disappointed by the omission. In particular those who are qualified surveyors would like to impose higher standards on the profession. One might not wish to create a closed profession just for the sake of it - there would always be a temptation for members to push up their charges. It is an area that should be watched, however, and the Office of Fair Trading should return to it if necessary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quality of life in Long-distance routes seen askance Castro's Cuba From Dr John Whitelegs ing, schools, and public transport Castro's Cuba

From Dr Sebastian Balfour
Sir, Your leader of March 3 and
Anthony Daniels's article on Fidel Castro ("Havana's sorry have-nots", March 5) seem to me misleading. Few people can doubt that if he held a plebiscite tomor-row Castro would win massive support from the Cubans, despite the generalised disgruntlement at the shortage of goods in the shops.

The problem facing the Cuban people is not so much the psychology or the dogma of their leaders, nor the excessive centralisation of political and economic life on the island, but the unrelenting hostil-ity of the United States Government. The tragedy is that because of the crippling blockade imposed by Washington for almost 30 years and the recent and gradual withdrawal of Soviet aid, democracy in Cuba, and indeed in Central America, can only mean democ-

racy on US terms. In the history of the region, a US-led free-market economy has brought with it widespread poverty, civil strife, and murderous military dictatorships. At least the Cubans have the right to the kind of welfare, housing, and education denied to most people of the Third

Yours faithfully, SEBASTIAN BALFOUR, 59 Wallingford Avenue, W10.

From Sir Rowland Whitehead Sir, It was timely that as I stepped off the plane from Havana on Monday after three weeks travel in Cuba I should read Anthony Daniels's article - it made ex-

It is quite true that the hotels, however grand the exterior, are a nightmare for the comfort-loving tourist. The experienced traveller takes a squash ball for the missing bath and basin plugs, learns to shave in cold water, and puts up with truncated menus to the point where bread, fruit, and coffee are

Mr Daniels does not mention the education programme. Everywhere one goes, even in the broken-down provincial shanty towns, there are neat, clean schoolchildren. Beautifully turned out with crisp white shirt, knotted scarf and well-pressed trousers or skirt these handsome children look intelligent, alert and motivated.

Can it be that this clever and well disciplined future workforce, even if at present indoctrinated, will, as the revolutionary regime fades away, take the country to better things?
Yours faithfully ROWLAND WHITEHEAD. Sutton House, Chiswick Mall, W4.

The Harrods affair

March 8.

From Mrs Renee Brayo Sir, The Government may not have a method of dealing with businessmen who tell lies, but the customers do.

I have this evening written to Harrods closing my account. Yours faithfully RENEE BRAVÓ, 15 Embassy Court, Woodford Road, E18.

Speeding fine

From Mr J. N. Spencer
Sir, You report (March 1) that the
Duke of Westminster, reputedly
Britain's wealthiest man, was fined for speeding at 106 miles per hour.

In the recent White Paper on Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public the Government states that it is considering unit fines where the court would fix the penalty in units according to the seriousne of the offence, with the value of the unit set according to each offender's means.

What would be the fine for the duke under this system and would there be a problem over the £1,000 maximum under the statute? Yours faithfully, J. N. SPENCER

Clerk to the Justices. Law Courts, Westwey Road, Weymouth, Dorset. March 1.

Waiting lists From Mrs Penny Uren

Sir, Reference the College of Health report (March 6) my husband has been six years on the Plymouth Health Authority waiting list for a replacement knee operation.

Despite every effort by us and our GP to stress the urgency he has just been told he will have to wait another two years. Yours faithfully, PENNY UREN, Kenton.

Stapledon Lane, Ashburton, Devon. March 8.

Learning to walk

From Mr John H. Patrick and Mr Gwyn A. Evans

Sir, We read with interest the article by your Science Correspondent (February 27) with regard to surgery for children with cerebral palsy being undertaken in the United States. You report that a most laudable charitable effort is being made to provide a gait laboratory (a movement analysis unit) at Guy's Hospital. However, in case readers should infer that there is no such facility for this treatment in the UK, may we state that such a unit has existed for over three years at the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.

The American method of gait analysis, then logical surgical treatment, carried out in the same fashion as shown on the television programme QED "Back to the drawing board" last night, is being reproduced in the National Health Service setting. At a recent twoyear post-surgery follow-up most of our children showed a measurable benefit in function as well as better walking ability after this

treatment regime. Great care has to be taken not to suggest that such treatment makes these children normal, and more scientific evaluation will be necing, schools, and public transport will stimulate jobs and economic growth in a way which is not

European transport (March 7) accepts uncritically the need for environmentally destructive. Grandiose European schemes of the kind favoured by the Comlong-distance routes in Europe. Most passenger and freight trips are over much shorter distances mission are environmentally destructive. They generate useless and much more could be done to improve the fortunes of firms by transport by emphasising long-distance links at the expense of improving local transport conditions than by investing in local links. A local economy can schemes as grandiose as the "Manchester-Moscow pan-Eurodeliver as much as one with outposts in Manchester and Moscow at much lower environmental

Commission, dismisses criticism No one does seriously suggest of these military-style European axes. He is mistaken. There is no that we go back to the horse and cart, but I seriously suggest that the Commission should get its act evidence in support of the thesis that building roads or new rail together on public transport in schemes on this scale benefits cities and on an analysis of exactly local or national economies. There what does help firms and ecois plenty of evidence that imnomic activity. It may well be proved communications encourage centralist tendencies to the surprised at the importance which is attached to local transport detriment of peripheral regions. quality in Manchester or Moscow There is plenty of evidence that and the irrelevance of the gap economic activity thrives where local infrastructure is sound, and which separates them. Yours faithfully, JOHN WHITELEGG Heinrich-König Str 80,

times slightly extended but in the big scheme of things this won't

matter tuppence, and you will gain a few miles of driving free from

motorway madness."

Appletree House,

Boars Hill, Oxford.

allowed to stand.

From Mr. C. J. G. Stanley

Sir, The declaration in today's

letter from the Director of the British Road Federation that "the Darenth Valley is a better place" (because of the M25) cannot be

Those who live in the valley will

disagree most strongly that the

glare of motorway lights, incessant noise for 24 hours a day and a

substantial increase in traffic

along country lanes and village

streets to gain access to the

motorway make it "a better

place" than the peaceful valley it was before the M25 was built.

Such a patently absurd assertion

seriously undermines any valid case which BRF may have for its

the idea but, sadly, nothing was

Now, 75 years since Gallipoli, only a handful of survivors re-

main. Surely it is not too late even

now to issue the Anzac star to

them all - Anzacs and non-

Anzacs — as a gesture of Common-

Sir, The 28 VCs referred to in the

article on Gallipoli are presum-

ably only those won by the Army,

which may be analysed as the 12

won by the units of the British

29th Division, the six by other

British regiments, and the 10

The Gallipoli and Dardanelles

expedition was the first example of what later in the Second World

War became called combined

operations and in addition to the

Army's 28, the Royal Navy won another 10 VCs, including those on the River Clyde, which should surely have been preserved as a

national memorial, and by the

submariners who breached the

defences of the Dardanelles to

enter the Sea of Marmara.

Soviet reshuffle

USA, and even Russia.

37.5 per cent.

From Miss Katherine M. Ellison

Sir, Further to Mr Mynett's corres-

pondence of February 27, and Mrs

Bright's response (March 6), I am

delighted to report that Vodka Gorbatschow (pronounced Gor-bachov) is indeed alive and well

here in the UK, as well as Europe,

In Czarist Russia in the last

century "Gorby" was distilled in

St Petersburg (now Leningrad). When the Gorbatschow family

fled to the West after the October

Revolution their vodka found a

new home in Berlin. It is available

in the UK in two strengths - 50

per cent by volume of alcohol and

Yours faithfully,

DEREK BRATT

March 4.

26 Windsor Road Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.

STANLEY J. BLENKINSOP.

policy on Twyford Down.

Yours faithfully, C. J. G. STANLEY,

5 Shoreham Place.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

eaith unity?

Yours sincerely

March 4.

Wingrove, 57 Macclesfield Road,

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

From Mr Derek Bratt

awarded to the Anzacs.

Shoreham.

March 3.

Lincombe Lane.

Yours truly, COLIN BUCHANAN

this means good urban public transport to encourage mobility of skilled labour and good training/ 4630 Bochum 1, education programmes to make it available in the first place. Hous-West Germany. March 8.

Twyford Down

pean highway."

From Sir Colin Buchanan Sir, The alignment chosen for the M3 link round Winchester would devastate a fine tract of English countryside. The alternative scheme for a tunnel would not only be much more expensive but would (in respect of the tunnel portals) be nearly as damaging. So why cannot it be accepted that there is no full motorway-standard solution for this bit of M3?

Sir, The Spectrum article on

Hugh Rees, of the European

Why cannot all the drivers of cars and trucks who use this route be told: "Sorry, chums, but all you are going to get here is the improvement of the existing bypass. We will make a good freeflowing job of it, high-speci-fication carriageways which will never need repair, no danger of contra-flow systems. But it will not be to motorway standards like the rest of the M3. It will be

"You will have to reduce your speeds, and keep them absolutely uniforin, there will be no overtaking, distances between vehicles will be maintained strictly to the rules, and (most important of all) you will have to master new rules and techniques applicable to 'merging' - i.e., where three (or more) traffic lanes narrow down to

You may find your journey

Gallipoli campaign From Mr S. J. Blenkinsop

Sir, Your Review article (March 3) by Brian James on next month's 75th anniversary of Gallipoli lists the vast number of bravery decorations won by the British well known, though, is the story of the Gallipoli campaign medal that was never issued.

When the Great War ended, the Anstralian and New Zealand governments both asked Britain for the right to award a special medal to all those Anzacs who survived the Dardanelles campaign. During that eight-month ordeal, only 4,963 of the 37,760 Anzacs who landed escaped death or serious

A bronze eight-pointed star was designed. The ribbon was actually made with a red strip representing the troops, blue the naval forces, yellow for the wattle of Australia and grey for the fern of New

Then "protocol" took over. In Whitehall it was felt that such a medal, limited to the Anzacs, would be unfair to the other nations who took part and the idea

Before the 50th anniversary of the landings I wrote to several MPs suggesting that the project be revived, even then, as a fitting "golden anniversary" gesture to Australia and New Zealand. Several were interested and supported

S Africa's poor whites From Mr Harold Soref

Sir, Ms Julia Lockwood (March 7) is perfectly correct that the whites in South Africa have the democratic vote, unlike the blacks. This is unique in sub-Saharan Africa; but this is why the republic, despite sanctions, is prosperous and blacks seek to immigrate to South Africa, where they enjoy a higher standard of living, health, and education.

Democracy would lead to mass emigration, destitution, and anarchy. The remaining Afrikaners would put up a stiff resistance. They comprise most of the security forces, police, civil servants, and farmers Yours faithfully,

HAROLD SOREF. 20 Meriden Court, Chelsea Manor Street, SW3.

essary to ensure that this "new' treatment is effective over a period of years. We are studying

Yours faithfully, KATHERINE ELLISON

8-10 Eldon Way, NW10.

(Product manager),

V. Benoist Ltd.

this further. We are concerned that parents of affected children may be persuaded to travel unnecessarily to America when such treatment is available here under the National Health Service. Yours sincerely

JOHN PATRICK, G. A. EVANS, Orthotic Research & Locomotor Assessment Unit. Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, Shropshire. March 8.

Voice of protest on the poll tax

From the Secretary of the Medway Federation of Anti-Poll Tax

Sir, From our point of view, your reports of the massive demonstrations against the poll tax at council meetings are misleading. Approximately 500 people demonstrated peacefully but vociferously when Gillingham council set its rate of £285 on Tuesday night (report. March 7). With the exception of Steve Nally, Secretary of the Ali-Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation. who addressed a rally, from my knowledge as the organiser most people were from the local area. They were of all political persuasions and of none. One hundred people joined our union at £1 a card and pledged not to pay the poli tex.

In Kent, where rates (and services) have traditionally been low and home ownership high, the poll tax is the final straw for tens of thousands of people aiready bit by soaring mortgage rates. That is the reason for the unprecedented size of the protests, not sinister

For the record, the anti-poll tax unions in the Medway towns have had a great deal of support and encouragement from local Mili-tant supporters. Many of us have been particularly grateful for the news and information from Scotland we have received from the reports in the Militant newspaper (something sadly lacking in your own newspaper until very recently). But the movement is much bigger and wider than that. as any of our members will tell

Yours faithfully, MARC GREEN, Secretary, Medway Federation of Anti-Poll Tax Unions, PO Box 88, Rochester, Kent.

From Mr T. W. Taylor
Sir, Was the Peasants' Revolt in
the face of an earlier proposal to introduce a poll tax a "carefully orchestrated campaign" of "gratu-itous violence" and "provoking confrontation"? (reports, March 7)

If it was, should we continue to regard it as an expression of the outrage of the people, or should we now write it off as merely a militant rent-a-mob exercise? Yours faithfully, T. W. TAYLOR,

80 St Philip's Road, Cambridge. March 7.

From Mrs Mary C. Gandy Sir, Like Mr Abbott and Mrs Berridge (February 27 and March 5), my sister is instructed to pay the standard community charge on her property, where no one is normally resident.

She is a missionary, in her fifties, working overseas. She recently bought a small cottage with her only inheritance to use during visits to England and to move into on her retirement. When in England she will qualify for rebate on the grounds of low income. Whilst abroad, however, she must pay the full standard charge.

This is quite blatantly a propcrty tax and utterly against the principle on which the community charge is based. Yours faithfully MARY C. GANDY, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, N20. March 5.

Poland's boundaries

From Mr C. J. Strong Sir, At present there is much discussion about whether a united Germany would accept the Oder-Neisse line as its permanent frontier with Poland. However, little is heard of whether the present Polish State, whose eastern and western frontiers were significantly altered in 1945, is ready to accept as permanent its present eastern frontier with the USSR.

It is worth recalling that the Polish State, to maintain whose integrity the United Kingdom went to war in 1939, was not reconstituted in 1945 within its pre-war boundaries.

The present boundaries of Poland were re-drawn by the USSR and without reference to the populations affected by these changes. The United Kingdom was either powerless or unwilling to influence these events.

Understandably, modern Poland is unwilling to abandon its formerly German-settled lands in the West, since they are more valuable acquisitions than its eastern territory seized by the USSR. C. J. STRONG

Tamale, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards. Nr Tring, Hertfordshire. March 7.

Properly launched?

From Mrs Serica East Sir, I was delighted to see the detailed account of the 1866 Tea Race in your letters column (March I) especially the "honourable mention" for Serica, who is usually ignored even though finishing so close to Ariel and Taiping.

I would be interested to know if any other of your readers have been named after a tea clipper? Yours faithfully, SERICA EAST. Outlands California, Woodbridge, Suffolk. March 2

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be seat to a fax number

(01)782 5046.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 9: The Duke of Edin-burgh visited Wymondham. College, Wymondham.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman) and Mrs Sally Marshall (Chairman of the

Board of Governors).

The Duke of Edinburgh,
Visitor, subsequently visited St
Catherine's College, Oxford and
was received by Dr Brian Smith
(The Master).

His Royal Highness later gave an Address to the Oxford YORK HOUSE University Strategic Studies ST JAMES'S PALACE Group on "The Profession of Arms" at All Souls College.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

This morning The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, attended a meeting of the Council at attended Saddlers' Hall, London.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 9: The Prince of Wales received His Excellency Señor Don José Puig de la Bellacasa (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Spain) and Señora Puig de la Bellacasa at Kensipaton Palesca

the Environment) at St James's

Palace.
Subsequently The Prince of Wales. Colonel, Welsh Guards, received Lieutenant-Colonel D. P. Beicher on relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Watt on assuming the appoint-ment, at St James's Palace.

This afternoon The Prince of Wales, Patron, Abbeyfield Society, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, opened the Youlgrave and District Abbeyfield House, Youlgrave.
Their Royal Highnesses were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).
Commander Alistair Watson,

March 9: The Duchess of Kent today attended a Special Preview of the 1990 Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition at Earl's Court, Warwick Road, London

Mrs Alan Henderson was in

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam.

Prince Edward celebrates his birthday today.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Princess Royal, Patron of the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, will attend a His Royal Highness received match of the County versus Signor Carlo Ripa Di Meana Royal Signals at the Memorial (European Commissioner for Ground, Bristol, at 2.45.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J. Bate and Miss J.M. Findley

The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Bate, of Denver, Colorado, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Findley, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr W.M.R. Beattie and Miss J.A. Cayeux

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Mr D.K.R. Beattie and of Mrs E.M. Martin, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.R. Cayeux, of Floreal, Mauritius.

and Miss S.A. Taylor
The engagement is announced

between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Burton, of Coffinswell, South Devon, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K.G. Taylor, of Mariansleigh, North

Mr S.S. Coffen and Miss M.S. Smout

The engagement is announced between Stuart Scott, only son of Mr and Mrs A.M. Coffen, of Nova Scotia, Canada, and Madeleine Sarah, younger and Mrs D.W.T. Walters, of daughter of the late Judge D.A.L. Smout, QC, and of Mrs K.S. Smout, of Haddenham, Mrs J.E. Mallagh, of January Mr

Mr W.R.O. Holmes and Mrs J.E. Hutchings

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late between Jeremy, elder son of Mr Captain John Holmes, RN, and C.M. Young, of Dedham, Essex, of Mrs Holmes, of Petersfield, and Mrs Dianne M. Young, of Hampshire, and Jane, daughter

of Air Commodore and Mrs

N.R.L. Bristow, of Chidgley,

and Mrs Henry M. Strage, of

Mr M.P.N. Crump and Miss M.L. Chan

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr Peter Crump, of Leicester, and the late Mrs Julian Crump, and Mei Ling, daughter of Mrs C.P. Cheong, of Kelantan, Malaysia.

Mr K. Hann and Miss C.M. Boardman The engagement is announced between Keith Hann, of Callaly High Houses, Northumberland, and Chris Boardman, of Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Mr C.M.G. Ogilvie-Forbes and Mrs M.S. Leighton The engagement is announced

between Charles, elder son of Mr Malcolm Ogilvie-Forbes and the late Mrs Fanchette Ogilvie-Forbes, of Boyndlie, Aberdeenshire, and Michèle Simone, daughter of the late M Henri Cheron, of Morandava, Madagascar, and Mme Simone Christophe, of Abbeville,

Mr D.R. Walters and Miss C.M. Mallagh The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr

Mr J.S. Young and Miss S.S. Strage

Kensington, London

Lord Norrie Lord and Lady Norrie enter-tained the members and guests of the International Cultural change at dinner at the House of Lords last night. The Ambassador of Mongolia and Mrs Ochirbal, the Turkish Ambassador and Mrs Nures and Mr

Dinners

Cordwainers' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour at a Past Wardens' dinner given by the Cord-wainers' Company last night in the Law Society's Hall. Mr Geoffrey Barrett, Master, pre-sided, assisted by Mr Michael Uren, Major the Hon Andrew Wigram and Mr Lance Shaw,

Richard Griffiths, chairman,

Institute of Marine Engineers Mr Michael Neubert, Par-liamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, and Mr Alderman Francis McWilliams were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Institute of Marine Engineers held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Professor R.V. Thompson, president, was

present were: The Norwegian Ambassatior, the Acting High Commissioner for St. Lunia and Other members of the Lunia and Other members of the critical and the international Maritime ovanization, the Director-General of the Engineering Council, the Director of the Engineering Profession, the

in the chair. Among others

Memorial service Lieutenant-Colonel R.C.G.

Morris-Eyton The Lord Lieutenant of Salop read the first lesson at a me-morial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Morris-Eyron held yesterday at St Chad's. sbury. Prebendary Michael Pollit officiated.

Mr R.A.H. Lloyd, Chairman of the West Mercia Police Authority, read the second lesson and the Archdeacon of Salop, read the third lesson. Prebendary Basil Morson gave an address. The Bishop of Shrewsbury pronounced the

blessing. The Chairman of Shropshire County Council, the Chairman of North Shropshire District Council, the Chairman of South Shropshire District Council and the Mayor and Mayoress of Shrewsbury and Atcham ai-

Association of Coloproctology

On March 9, 1990, the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland was inaugurated at a meeting which was held at the General Hos-

was need at the Orneral Pros-pital, Birmingham.

The objective of this multi-disciplinary association is to promote the interests, standards nd training in coloproctology. Further details may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London,

The Coopers' Company and Coborn School

The Governors of the Coopers company and Coborn School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr C. Churchett, BA, presently First Deputy Head, to be Head Master of the school on the retirement of Mr J.R. French, RSc. (Foon) Lorden Deputy BSc (Econ), London DL, on December 31, 1990.

Isle of Man governor

The Queen has approved the appointment of Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones as Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, in succession to Major-General Sir Laurence New. He will take office in the autumn.

Epsom College

At the Annual General Meeting of the Governors held on February 21, 1990, Mr Ronald W. Raven, OBE, OStJ, TD, FRCS. Hon FRSM, was elected President of the College after 35 years as Chairman of the Council. Mr D.G. Milne, CBE, MA, Vice-Chairman since 1985, has been appointed Chairman of Council and Mr Alan Hagdrup, LLB,

Sir John Wedgwood, Bt

Vice-Chairman.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Wedgwood will-be held at St James's Piccadilly, London W1, on Tuesday, March 27, at 3 pm.

THE REV ALAN BOOTH

Charting a role for the churches in international affairs

The Rev Alan Booth, OBE, who was Director of Christian Aid for five years in the 1970s and one of the seven public figures who set up the then Institute for Strategic Studies in 1958, has died at the

Booth played an influential role in shaping the attitudes of Christians in this country towards international affairs.

At a time when there was much debate over the ethical issues raised by nuclear weaponry, Booth was among those church leaders who remained with his feet firmly on the ground, particularly when the public campaign was at its height for unilateral nuclear disarmament.

He maintained a strong Christian case could be made for a balance of power system as a means of stabilising international relations.

His closest concern, however, was probably assistance to the developing countries and his years (1970-1975) at the head of Christian Aid represented the culmination of many years's personal effort in that field.

Born in Dublin on May 10, 1911, he was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, training for the Methodist Ministry in Belfast and ordained into the Methodist Church. After serving as Secretary of the Student Christian Movement for the Liverpool area, and a spell of theological teaching, Booth was called to serve in the International Department of the SCM and as Secretary of the British section of International Student Service.



As a member of the International Committee of World Student Relief in the years immediately following the Second World War, he worked with Communists, Jews and Christians to bring desperately-needed relief to students in war-torn Europe. His diplomatic skills were undoubtedly sharpened by this experience. In 1945 Booth had become General Secretary of the SCM, holding the post till 1951. In 1957 he was appointed London

Secretary of the Commission of the Churches for International Affairs, an arm of the Geneva-based World Council of Churches. This involved developing a network of contacts among Christian leaders in all parts of the world. Booth's special responsibility was for

OBITUARIES

Africa, and he played an important part in the delicate negotiations in which the WCC co-operated with Roman Catholic authorities in trying to bring an end to the Biafra War.

During this period he chaired a working party which produced a report. published by the British Council of Churches, on World Poverty and British Responsibility. This emphasized the causal relation between the trading policies of the developed nations and accelerating poverty in much of the Third World

It was during his years with CCIA that Booth was involved, along with Sir Kenneth Grubb (its chairman), in the setting up of what has become the International Institute for Strategic Studies, representing the church input in the early years.

At the head of Christian Aid he inherited all the problems of an organisation whose responsibilities had vastly. outgrown the body's original simple structures. It was his achievement to have created a style of management which has helped Christian Aid to deal more effectively with thousands of development projects worldwide. He leaves his widow, Irmgard.

WILLIAM HOWARD, QC

Judge Advocate of the Fleet during the Falklands campaign

has died in Hong Kong after a coast in 1942. short illness. He was 69.

conflict, when the legality of a year. number of naval episodes, notably the sinking of the Argentine cruiser. General Belgrano, became matters of public interest.

view of these matters, an attitude which, combined with his knowledge of the law, was of great service to the Ministry of Defence, which felt itself obliged to fight a difficult war, far from its home bases, and at the same time maintain a somewhat unrealistic even-handedness towards the opposition, and to external criticism delivered from the comfort of arm-

chairs, while doing so. William McLaren Howard was born in London on January 27, 1921, the son of William George Howard. He was educated at Merchant naval career.

Mediterranean, in the cruiser invited to sit for trials at the he was held led to his being Ann, a son and a daughter.

William McLaren Howard, Manchester, in the victory Central Criminal Court. QC, who was Judge Advocate over the Italians off Cape of the Fleet from 1973 to 1986. Spartivento on the Calabrian

hort illness. He was 69. He had a promising naval A man with a distinguished career ahead of him, but by naval wartime career behind 1946 the peacetime Navy him, Howard was, approsemed to offer less to hsu priately, Judge Advocate dur-ing the period of the Falklands signed his commission in that

In 1947 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, entered Admiralty on points of public chambers with F. H. Lawton, and international law. OC, later Lord Justice Lawton; Michael Havers, QC, His own naval background later Attorney-General and inclined him to take a robust Lord Chancellor, and Margaret Thatcher.

> up a large practice. In 1960 he opened his own chambers, taking Silk in 1964. He appeared in many major criminal trials at the Central Criminal Court and in other parts of the country; in the Great Train Robbery trial, he appeared for Roy James, who

was sentenced to 30 years in From 1965 to 1969 he was a member of the Bar Council and a member of its special committee.

Taylors' and went to Dart- chairman, Norfolk County given to the International Red Norfolk. mouth in 1938, intending a Sessions, and in the following year, Recorder of Ipswich. In He served at sea throughout 1971, after the Courts Act, he Second World War. He was in was made a Recorder of the the destroyer Firedrake at the Crown Court and Honorary battle of Narvik, in May 1940. Recorder of Ipswich. As a Later he saw action in the Recorder he was frequently

In 1973 his early naval career and wide experience of criminal law led to his appointment by Lord

Hailsham as Judge Advocate of the Fleet. In that capacity Howard was president of the ultimate appellant tribunal for naval courts martial and was also legal advisor to the Board of

In this latter function he was particularly active during the Falklands campaign. On one occasion he is thought to have taken a strong line He was a specialist in against the possibility of criminal law and rapidly built court-martial for a Marine sentry guarding the control room of the captured Argentine submarine, Santa Fe, who had shot an Argentine had intended to try and scuttle appointment. the vessel. Howard felt deeply, that the impetus to have the

circumstances, which required snap decisions. In the event after the find-In 1967 he became deputy petty officer's death had been

Cross, no action was taken. As Judge Advocate of the amusing companion, equally Navies. The esteem in which

ary Advocate of the Court of Military Appeals in Washington DC and in that same year as Honorary Judge Advocate of the United States

Also in 1984 he became a member of the British Academy of Forensic Science.

It was during a visit to Hong Kong on navai business that Howard decided to open chambers there for what was in the event to be the final phase of his career. This he did in 1986, and he was only the second English Silk to have been called to the Hong Kong

substantial practice in Hong shows. Kong. It was a matter of regret to him that his move to Hong Kong made it necessary for petty officer, convinced he him to resign his Navy

However, his traditional talents were recognised and he was appointed a Deputy High man court-martialled was Court Judge in Hong Kong, another example of bureaucratic meddling in the difficult and, indeed, was presiding over a heavy trial at the time of his death.

ings of an inquiry into the happy marriage, Howard lived in style and elegance in north He was a generous host and

Fleet Howard travelled widely relaxed in Norfolk or in and built up a close rapport Lincoln's Inn and the Garrick. with his colleagues in He had a wide range of Commonwealth and foreign interests, and many friends. He is survived by his wife

Blessed with a supremely

ARTHUR FLEISCHMANN

Sculpting four Popes from life

Arthur Fleischmann, a Hungarian born sculptor who peopled parks and open spaces with his work in many parts of the world, died on March 2 at the age of 93. He thought of himself as a travelling sculptor, absorbing new ideas, not knowing the meaning of routine, with every day holding

One of the new ideas he had. which surprised his admirers and aroused the prejudices of the less original, was to pio-neer the use of perspex in sculpture. His imagination was gripped in the 1950s by the potential for creating rock-crystal like forms and even fountains which seemed to be

He went to Osaka to supervise the erection of a 12 feet high shape outside the British pavilion at Expo 70. Water cascading from a concealed source was to fill gaps between layers of acrylic giving life to it. He had created a bronze fountain for the Festival of Britain in 1951.

Bali's dancing figures inspired him: his own dancing figures, along with Popes, monumental work and abstracts speak of his versatility. Some of his work in perspex travelled the oceans of the world as exhibits on liners.

A devoted Catholic. he completed busts of Popes Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II, He is the only artist to have sculpted four Popes from life. His other portrait sitters ranged from Barry Humphries to Lord Robens and Kathleen Ferrier.

Arthur John Fleischmann, who was born in Bratislava on June 5, 1896, studied medicine in Budapest and Prague before qualifying as a doctor. But he was attracted to art and won a scholarship to the Master School of Sculpture in Vienna, before going to France and Italy to study and work. His experience with the firing of ceramics in Vienna was later well used - as his He soon developed a surviving terracotta work

JOHN HAMER

John ("Jack") Hamer, MBE, 1957 stayed on to serve the who has died aged 79, was variously tank commander, member of the Malayan Civil Penans. Service, and Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Italy and in France.

Malaya, and then in the Enterprises. Malayan Civil Service. He won rapid advancement durmunist emergency, and after future with its finances stable.

newly-independent country. He retired as State Secretary,

He was to work as a sculptor

in Italy, Paris, South Africa

and Bali before settling in

Sydney, New South Wales, for

a highly productive decade.

Then in 1948 he came to

London, where he was to

spend most of his life, though

he still travelled widely,

wintering in Tenerife, where

He leaves lasting monu-ments to his work all over the

place. In Hagen, West Ger-

many he depicted the 12

apostles in a sculpted altar

built round them. There are

devotional statues by him in

many European churches. The

Queen unveiled at St Kath-

erine's Dock his "Crystal

Crown" (1977) carved out of a

block of acrylic which was

intended originally for the

film 2001. One of his perspex

water sculptures was used in a

set of The Empire Strikes

Nearly 50 years after he

finished the bronze doors to

Library, Australia, he com-

work, "Tribute to the Discov-

ery of DNA", which is to be

He leaves his widow, Joy.

placed in its new wing.

the New South Wales State

piece which remained after bombing: a new church was

Back in Britain Hamer was appointed Secretary to the He also raced home-built Royal Horticultural Society. "specials" at Brooklands be- He successfully introduced fore the Second World War, measures to combat the effects during which he served in of inflation on the Society's tanks in the Western Desert, work using a mixture of judicious retrenchment combined with a dose of commer-Afterwards he was in the cialism in the form of the now military administration in very successful RHS

Under Hamer, the Society ing the period of the Com- was able to begin a profitable

Lionel Kopelowitz

A worthy successor to Jakobovits

A unanimous recommendation is to be submitted to the Chief Rabbinate Conference, on April 1, to appoint Rabbi Jonathan Sacks as successor to Lord Jakobovits next year. Tremendous public interest is generated in the

way the selection takes place. When the office of chief rabbi falls vacant, a conference is convened by the Chief Rabbinate Council, consisting of lay representatives elected by all those synagogal organizations, or synagogues, which contribute to the maintenance of the office of the chief rabbi, and who recognize his rabbini-

By far the most influential in this process is the United Synagogue of London, established by Act of Par-liament in 1870, comprising 42 constituent and 24 affiliated synagogues. The United Synagogue stands firmly under the religious authority of the chief rabbi, this being set down in its deed of foundation and trust, dated 1871, and the president of the United Synagogue is always the chairman of

the Chief Rabbinate Council. The office of the chief rabbi has evolved over two centuries. Towards the end of the 1700s, Jews were aiready established in London and in several provincial centres. Those in the provinces frequently had no spiritual guide, and they looked to the rabbi of the Great Synagogue, London, as the source of rabbinical authority. The Great Synagogue appointed Rabbi Solomon Hirschell in 1802 as its spiritual head, and although that position had as yet no

We move with historic speed, from Chief Rabbi Dr Nathan Marcus Adler in 1844, to the succession of his son, Hermann Adler, in 1891, and thence to 1913, and the selection, by ballot, and subsequent appointment of the illustrious American rabbi, Dr Joseph H. Hertz.

In my youth, I recall listening to this commanding personality in the pulpit, often awe-inspiring, always effective, even dramatic. He left a legacy of purple prose in his volumes of Sermons and Addresses, and his scholarly commentaries on the Daily Prayer Book and the Pentateuch are widely used and admired to this day.

He gained widespread respect for leading the successful opposition (1924-31) to the League of Nations proposal for calendar reform which would have destroyed the regular seven-day cycle and led to a roaming Sabbath for Judaism and other religions". His tireless labours during the Second World War, especially for hapless refugees, was a reflection of his role as the pater familias of the Jewish communities of the British Empire, who delighted in the distinction accorded to him as one of the country's Companions of Honour.

He was succeeded by Rabbi Israel Brodie, a Balliol scholar with a

contrasting personality to his prede-

cessor, who gained affection as well as

respect by his gentle and accessible

and dedicated wartime services as

senior Jewish chaplain. During his chief rabbinate, harmony between the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities in Britain reached a peak, as he and the Sephardi Haham enjoyed a close friendship throughout their careers. After his retirement, Sir Israel was ultimately succeeded by our present chief rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, who had served as chief rabbi in Eire, and as founder rabbi of the prestigious Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York.

His communal interests were so snacious that he came to assume a sort of presidential role, to whom all segments of the community came for guidance. His style was executive in nature and this demanding role he filled - and continues to fill - with exemplary skill and distinction. His main thrust has been in the

field of religious education, and upon his retirement in 1991, there will be several schools to exemplify his commitment to the religious and spiritual enlightenment of his community. Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks, at the age of 41, will follow a long line of most

distinguished chief rabbis. Already, as

principal of Jews' College, he has

made a tremendous impact as an exceptional intellect. It must be stressed that the Jewish community has changed in the past 80 years. There are many streams within

juridical status, he was universally recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of recognized as the chief rabbi, being the first unquestioned incumbent of the first unquestioned incumbent known as the right wing, to Liberal Judaism, known as the left wing.

The chief rabbi is the rabbinical authority to the Central Orthodox sector of the Jewish community, which is the largest constituency within the British Jewish community, but not the totality of British Jewry.

The Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, and the Federation of Synagogues, the Sephardi (Spanish and Portuguese) community, and the Assembly of Masorti Synagogues do not recognize the authority of the chief rabbi. The Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, and the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues also have their own spirtual leaders.

Beyond the exercise of his rabbinical authority, the chief rabbi has a representative role which is not set down in writing, nor perfectly defined. He is generally recognized both outside the Jewish community, and within it, as the public religious representative of the totality of British

Jewry. When Rabbi Sacks takes up his new appointment he will immediately receive the loyalty and support of all those for whom he will be the rabbinical authority. He must be given time to develop the influence so that he can exercise a public representative role.

Dr Kopelowitz is President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Service dinners

Royal Marines
The Royal Marines Officers'
Dinner Club held their annual
dinner at Lincoln's Inn last night. Major-General J.I.H.
Owen, presided. Lord Justice
Parker, Mr Richard Baker, Mr
John Doubleday, Colonel LJ.
Hellberg, the Rev A.R.
Thornley and Captain Malcolm Carver, RN, were among the

The Queen's Fosiliers (City of Lieutenant-Colonel N.J.P.
Brunt welcomed the guests at a dinner of The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London) held last night at St. John's Hill, Batterea. Among those present were:

Colonel Sir Greville Spratt (honorary colonel), the City Marshal, the Master and Cerk of the Ironmonger' Company. Srigadier J M A Nurion (Commander 56th Brigade) and Brigadier P C Bowser (secretary, Greater London 7A&VRA).

Northumbrian Universities Air Air Marshal Sir Thomas Stonor, Controller, National Air Traffic Services, was the guest of hon-our at the annual dinner of the Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron held last night at RAF Leeming. Squadron Leader, M.J. Baker, Commanding Of-ficer, presided. Among others

prescril were:
The Air Officer Commanding and
Commandant RAF Cofficer Commending
the Commandant of the Central Fying
school and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor
and Second Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Ourham University

Benenden School Benenden School is pleased to announce the following Scholar-

announce the lonowing outcom-ship Awards:
Lower School: Chartone Witherides (Founders Scholarship) Even End PMEU School: Olivia Roughes Strike (Trust Scholarship) Wither Scholarship) Vine Hall School: Juliet Dougles-Hophes, Salters Hall; Katherine Hairgnape, Garcanont School. Sixth Form: Serah Petrie, Tugheides Weils Grammar School. The following girls were awarded internal Upper School awarden internal Upper s Scholarships: Sathy Davis: Rate Flembas: Kaoukit: Joanne Powis; Ternoy (music): Justine : Alexandra Wilson.

The Red Maids' School

Awards 1990

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir Lawrence Airey, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 64; Sir Robert Bellinger, former president, National Savings Committee, 80; Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, 77; Mr Fou Ts'ong, concert pianist, 56; Sir Richard Francis, director-general, Brit-ish Council, 56; Sir Angus Fraser, former chairman, Board of Customs and Excise, 62.

Sir Samuel Goldman, civil

servant, 78; Sir Charles Groves, conductor, 75; Sir Charles Hardie, chartered accountant,

80; Lord Havers, 67; Mr Terry Holmes, rugby player, 33; Mr Hugh Johnson, wine expert, 51; Lieutenant-General Sir John Learmont, 56; Mr Michael Montague, former chairman, English Tourist Board, 58; Sir Michael Straker, chairman, the Northumbrian Water Authority, 62; Dame Eva Turner, prima donna, 98.

TOMORROW: Mr Douglas Adams, author, 38; Mr Terence Alexander, actor, 67; Miss

dent, Malta, 67; Sir John Batten, former Physician to the Queen, 66; Professor A.O. Betts, former college, 63; Miss Louise Brough, tennis player, 67; Lord Congleton, 60; Sir Kenneth Dover, former president, Cor-pus Christi College, Oxford, 70; Mr D.J. Enright, writer, 70; Mr Peter Eyre, actor, 48; Mr David Gentleman, painter and de-

Professor T.C. Gray, an-aesthetist, 77. Miss Margaret Herbison, former MP, 83; Viscount Hood, 76; Mr Ramond Jackson (Jak),

cartoonist, 63; Mr Nigel Lawson, MP, 58; Sir Fitzroy Maclean, former MP, 79; Sir Henry Marking, former chair-man, British Tourist Authority, 70; Mr Timothy Mason, director, Scottish Arts Council, 45; signer, 60; Mr Jonathan Mrs V.J.K. Milligan, industrial Gestetner, former joint presi-consultant 64; Judge Sir James Gestetner, former joint presi-dent, Gestetner Holdings, 50; Miskin, QC, Recorder of

Alec Morris, 64; Lord Mowbray and Stourton, 67; Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive, News International, 59; Miss Erica O'Donnell, founder, Study Centre for the History of the Fine and Decorative Arts, 70; Mr Justice Pill. 52: Sir lain Tennant, Lord Lieutenant of Morayshire, 71; Miss Patricia Tindale, architect, 64; Mr Ron Todd, trades unionist, 63; Sir Peter Walters, chairman, British Petroleum Company, 59; Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, 74.

London, 65; Air Marshal Sir

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF RETICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

But when the right time di-nally came. God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and tived un-der the Law so that we might become God's sons. Galattagens 4: 4

BIRTHS BRASSAND - On March 8th, to Sandy (née Welch) and Richard, a son, Frederick Forbes Courtenay, a brother for Aire.

MALFOUR - On February

25th, to Anno (nee Dick) and
Andrew, a son Cames

Alexander), a brother for Melante.

DAVIS - On February 28th
1990. to Monica (ride
Chodakowski) and Jesse, a
son, Thornus Janoss David, a
brother for Michael.

DYSON - On March 8th, to
Beltinda (ride Gibbs) and
John, a son.

FORREST - On March 1st
1990, to Cathy and David, a
daughter.

Margaret

1990, to Camy and David. a daughter. Marquert f. Elizabeth, a sister for Alice. GOOGHAM - On February - 25th, to Selly and Peter, a daughter. Sarah Katherine. BATPELLS-AGOPOH - On March 7th, to Penelope and Eduardo. a son. Martin. BAY - On Enbruary 28th, to

Eduardo, a son. Martin.

IIAY - On February 28th. to
Sima and Phillip, a daughter,
Rebecca, a sister for
Christopter.

Histogate - On March 8th. in
Harrogate to Gha (née
Tiley) and Andrew, a
daughter, Offivia Masha, a
sister for Camilla and Toby.

III. DON - On February 25th.
to Lestey (née Richardson) me.BOM - On February 25in, to Lestey (née Richardson) and David, a son. Peter.

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00T '88 - SEPT '89) FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE OUR TRAVEL SECTION TODAY

MARCH 10 ON THIS DAY

Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-99) and Ira Sankey (1840-1908) attracted large crowds in their evangelical tours of Britain. Everywhere they were received with enthusiasm. One young man re-mained sceptical; ofter a meeting in Dublin in 1875 there appeared in Public Opinion a letter questioning the efficacy of the service, and thinking that "respecting the effect of the revival on in-dividuals I may mention that it has a tendency to make them highly objectionable members of society..." The writer was George Bernard Shaw with his first essay in print at the age of 18.

AMERICAN REVIVALISTS

After many notes of prepara-tion, Mesers Moody and Sankey last evening inaugurated their campaign against the religious indifferentism of London by a service at half-pest 6 in the great Agricultural Hall at Islington. The castern platform was fitted with 900 seats and in the south gallery were 3,000 chairs.
The addition gives a total of
21,320 not including the west
and east end galleries, each
capable of containing 600 more.
The Mahana of the more res The lighting of the room was effected by means of large gas chandellers hanging from the root, sided by lines of gas jets along the sides, straight, save at the centres, where they rose in three semi-circular arches. The acoustic properties of the hall were greatly aided by an im-mense sounding-hoard, as big as a barn door over the speakers'

platform.

Mr. Moody, punctual to the moment, at half-pest 7, was in the president's place, bent for a

programme and the second

1875

moment in silent prayer, and then said: "Let us rise and sing 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow'," which was done by the vast assembly with solemn effect. Mr Moody than somme enert. Mar Moody then led public prayer and afterwards gave out the hundredth Pasim — "All people that on earth do dwell."

The singing, as before, was accompanied by Mr Sankey on the American organ, and was very effective. Mr Moody an-nounced that he had received telegrams from all parts of the country essuring him of the country essuring him of the prayerful sympathies of vary many in their proceedings. He begged the meeting to join in begged the meeting to join in silent prayer for the Divine blessing, and after a pause of a minute of two, broke the silence by audibly leading the devotions of the people. Mr Sankey then sang, amid

the profound stillness of the grat congregation "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." To say that this solo was rendered with the utmost impressiveness is but the barest justice. "The Rock of Ages" was next sung by the assembled thousands to the tune of "Rousseau's Dream".

of "Rousseau's Dream".

Mr Moody then took for his text the words of St Paul, 1 Cor.

1.17, &c. The "foolishness of preaching" did not mean foolish preaching. But it was the wisdom of God's methods were very different from those which different from those which might seem best to us. Those who had been interesting them-selves for the spiritual welfare of serves for the spiritual welfare of London, and had been praying for its exivation, must not forget the fact and should be willing that God should do His work in His own way. In the midst of the address a

great noise of the crowd outside attempting to gain admission interrupted the proceedings. Mr Moody, without being in the least disconcerted, explained the cause of the disturbance and with great tact gave out a hymn.
Order having been meanwhile
restored, he resumed his discourse with the greatest surgfroid.

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Three Parts (Munch). The Service of J
Hallburton: 11.30 HC. Instruction of the Compline.

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Second Sunday

THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. Wesh me throughly (Waster). Van DN CHIRIDS. OUIDEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY. WCZ: 11.15 M. The Lamestations (Bairston). Out of the dasp Odoricy). The Chaptalitis 12.30 Hc. 11 MP & HC. Bow down these are O Lord (Arenics). Creditions (Loss). The Chaptal. COLUMN COLOR OF THE COLOR OF TH Dear Lord and Father of manished (Parry), New F V A Boyes TOWER OF LONDON, E23: 9.15 HC: 11 M, My Cod, My God (Blow), Rev R Could. Could. Tell May Good, may Gent Haward, and R Gould. TEMPLE CENTRICAL Float Street. ECA: 18-30 MC: 11.15 MP, Heart may reaver O Lord (Purcell). Responses (Rose). The Lamentations of Jercenian (Bairstow). Walkern Davies in C. Remeioles O Lord (Walmaisey). Very Rev. J Sampson. ANDE GAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 MC: 11 MP, Benediche (William). Stanford in B fiel. O Lord

Str. BOYAL Hampton Court' CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court' Palace: 8.30 HC 11 M & Lizary. Reynolds in B flat, Pamo-bourdons (Whilain, Lizary for rey voice (Tallis), Rev J Blease: 3.50 E. Taach ne O Lord (Astwood), Short Service (Byrd), Thy word is a lankern O'uroell). ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 8 Euch, Rev R Deson. ALL SARTTS. Marnerret Street. Wt. 8. 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Quand to pens cases. O Lord in the writin (Gibbons), Canon, S G Pisties; 6 E & B. The Short Service Giorie/i. Salvalor mundi (Tajin), Rev L A Salvaior mundi (Tailin), Rev L. A

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One CUTT-RECRITS. Phillmech Cardens SWE: 10 HC. 11 S Duch. Durke in A minor. Lord for they lender mercies gate (Partual, Fr Bill. ST CEONGE'S. Biographay. WC1: 10 Each. Pather F Hen: 6.20 EP. WI: 6.30 HC. 11 S Duch. Petand in C. O Lord in they wrath (Gibbons, The Rector. Gallinwyn.

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HC: 10.30 S Euch, Mean (Stravinsky), Thou knowed Lord (Purcell), Rev B (Dallywes): 6 Percell in G minor.

Jehova Quam must (Purcell). The Vicar.

Walson: 6.30 E. Hear my prayer (Purcell), Ms P Gruber. ST MARCS. Repeats Perk Rd. Nevi: 8 HC: 10 Family Communion: 11 S Such, Missa Actorne Christi mapers. Note mortes paccaboris (Morits), Rev James and March (Morits), Rev ST Hamble. SWI: 11 M. Rasponses (Byrd). Benedictas (Elgar), Hide not frost thy face (Farrand), Rev R Holloway: 12.15 HC. Benedictus (Elgar). Hide not most the characterism), Rev R Hollower; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTEN-EN-THE-FELDS, WC2: 8 HCC: 9.46 Euch. Lord let me know mine end (Corean). Dr. Hong the movement of the control o 10.30 Morning Service review of Combel.
ST PALE'S, Willon Piace, SW1: 8, 9
HC: 11 S Exich, Meisea in A 0.000.
Turn me not away from thy presence (Boyce). The secret sins (Gibbona), Rev
H. Rischmeyer, School Square, SW1:
ST PETENS, Eston Square, SW1:
Nitsa Osculetar me (Lessa), Pr D
Tilliae. 8.15 NC. 10 Family Mass: 11 SM, Missa Oscinetur me (Leeus), Pr D THING.
ST SHEON ZELOTES, Militer Street, SW2: 8 HC; 11 MP, Lead me Lord (Wesley), Come my sout Glowellay. Seeing Hymn (Gardiner), Rev K yatta, Propers (Victoria), Verna stt. in Inchina (Lood, Cruccitus) a 6 (Lott), Rev P Warner; 6 Stations of the Cross & B. ST VEDASY, Footer Lane, EC2: 11 ST VEDAST, Froier Lane. EC2: 11
SM. The Rector.
THE ANNUNCATION. Brymeston
Street, Wil 10.15 Smiles of the
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ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Post Breet, 5W1: 11. 6.30
Rev J H McIndoe.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Carden, WC2: 11.16
Rev K G Hoghest 3.30 Quarterly
Castic Service, Rev M J Roberts; 6.30
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Caligoverunt eccli me (Victoria),
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10.
12.18, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM, Mass
for five voices (Byrd), Ave verum
corpus (Byrd), O quara briefle, Quin est
homo Grevolest),
THE ORATINEY, Brempton Read,
SWT, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, McIss Quart
lovel (Victoria), Encesdemus in Bellen
(Byrd), 12.30, 4.30, 7 Set; 3.30 v &
R, Missev met (Victoria),
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ehy Place; 11
SM, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Vinas me electa (Poutanc), Adver is
devote.
ST MARTY'S, Cadagen Street, SW3:

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Icerating-ton High Street, We: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM: 11.16 GM, Messa Dilectio quotulam (Pelestrina), Vinca mea electa (Possa March Inc.), Vinca mea electa (Possa March Inc.), Vinca mea electa (Possa March Inc.), Vinca March Calledon, Court Rd, Wil: 11 Rev Ron Calledon, Calledon AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON. Totimhism Court Rd. WI: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Hoborn, ECI: 11 Rev E Wangh; 6.30 Mrs H MacDonald.

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KENSINGTON URC. Allen Street, WE: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr. R O Latham.

REZENT'S QUARE PRESENTIERIAN URC. TRVISHOCK Place, WC:: 11 Rev Dr. R SCOPER. S.30 Dr. J Kennedy.

SALVATION ARMY CREEK HALD.

Programme. Major & ACQUES. Laborema, Cresham St. ECZ: 11 HC. Rev M. M. Zores, 7 Choral V. O let me at thy footical and Pourson). Rev A. G. Hagges.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD URC. NWE: 11 ingen.
IT JOHN'S WOOD URC, NWB: 11
Rev W C McCrorie.
WESI EY'S CHAPEL, CRY Road, EC2A6 HC, 11 Morning Service. Rev G M Trecostie. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL Manhoding, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R J OSCIOUSIL SWILLIAM AND CONTROL OF PRESIDENCE OF PRES Latest wills

Mrs Irina Moore, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, widow of Henry Moore, the sculptor, left estate valued at £2,860,010 net. She left the estate mostly to her family. Mr Helmut John Stieger, of Brough, North Humberside, chief of research at Blackburn

Aircraft Company, who formed the Gloster Aircraft Company. left estate valued at £1,750,309 Mrs Patricia Daway, of Longparish, Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,478,311 pet.

She left her estate to her children. Mr Harold Norman Wright, of Solihull, West Midlands, left estate valued at £1,062,891 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Major Archibald James Coats, of Dummer, Hampshire, wood pigeon shooter, left estate valued at £244,936 net. Miss Mollic Stott Hillam, of closed on Good Friday, April 13. and the May Day bank' holiday, May 7, but open as normal over Easter.

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Sorrento, Italy, 1544; William BIRTHS: Marcello Malpighi, BIRTHS: Marcello Malpighi, physiologist, Crevalcore, Italy, 1628; John Playfair, geologist and philosopher, Benvie, Tayside, 1748; William Etty, painter, York, 1787; Leonard Raven-Hill, artist and cartoonist, Bath, 1867; Tamara Karsavina, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1885; Arthur Honegger, composer, Le Havre, 1892. DEATHS: John Stuart Bute, 3rd

Earl of Bute, prime minister, 1762-63, London, 1792; Muzio Cletnenti, pianist and composer, Evesham, 1832; Tara Shevchenko, poet, Ukraine, 1861; Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot, Pisa, 1872; Sir Charles Thomson, neurolist Rongological Thomson, naturalist, Bonsyde, Lothian, 1882; Charles Fred-erick Worth, fashion designer, Paris, 1895; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, London, 1936; Mikhail Bulgakov, dramatist and nov-elist, Moscow, 1940; Jan Masaryk, statesman, Prague, 1948; Frank O'Connor, short story writer, Dublin, 1966; Konstantin Chernenko, general secretary of the Communist Party of the USSR 1984-85, Moscow, 1985.

Suffragette demonstrations in London, during which Velasquez's "Rokeby Venus" in the National Gallery damaged, 1914.

Huskisson, statesman, Birch Moreton, Worcestershire, 1770; Marius Petipa, choreographer, Marseilles, 1819; Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of speed records on land and water, Chislehurst, Kent, 1885; Henry Cowell, composer, Menlo Park, California, 1887. DEATHS: John Toland, philosopher, free thinker, London, 1722; Hannah Cowley, dramatist and poet, Tiverton, 1809; Sir Alexander Mackenzie, explorer in North America, Mulnain, Dunkeld, 1820; Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, London, 1820; Sir James Outram, general, Pau, France, 1863; Henry Drummond, theologian, Tunbridge Wells, 1897; Rolf Boldrewood, pseudonym of Thomas A. Browne, novelist, Melbourne, 1915; Victor Hely-Hutchinson, composer, London 1947; Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of pencillin, Nobel laureate, 1945, London, 1955; Richard Byrd, aviator and Polar explorer, Boston, Massachusetts,

plorer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1957; Erl Stanley Gardner, crime writer, Temecula, Califor-

Luddite riots began, 1811.

Church news

Mr Geoffrey Duncan has been appointed general secretary of the General Synod's Board of Education and general secretary of the National Society for Promoting Religious Education, from Septrember I, in succes-sion to Mr Colin Alves, who is retiring Mr Duncan is currently schools officer for both organizations.

Wallace Collection The Wallace Collection will be Royal Warrant Holders Association

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association for the ensuing year: President, Mr B. StG. Austra Reed, Vice-President, Mr B. E. Tove: Honorary Treasurer, Sir Edward Rayne.

Appointments atest appointments include:

Lord Presser to be Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland, in succession to Professor Alexander Youngson,

Shooting England

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

 Michael Powell died last month at 84, firmly acknowledged as one of Britain's most original film makers. It was a reputation he enjoyed only in his last 15 or so years, and was helped along by the Americans Francis Ford Coppola and Martin Scorsese. In his 1981 Arena study, A Pretty British Affair (BBC2, 9.40pm), Gavin Millar asked Powell whether he felt unappreciated. "When did the British ever appreciate their great men?", was the typically mischievous



Partnership: Michael Powell (sitting) and Emeric Pressburger (BBC2, 9.40pm)

reply. Repeated as part of a Powell tribute, A Pretty British Affair was shot partly in Hollywood, while Powell was 'senior director in residence" at Coppola's Zoetrope studios. The job came to nothing and is a sad reminder of Powell's long period of inactivity which went back to the early Sixties and the outcry over Peeping Tom. But Millar's prime concern was to explore the unlikely relationship between Powell and his long-standing partner (also sadly dead), the Hungarian emigré Emeric Pressburger. This was based, above all, on a common love of England. Pressburger, with his cottage in the Chilterns, became as much an Englishman as Powell was by birth. Their films expressed an intense and romantic feeling for freedom and people and landscape, treated with an imaginative flair which still takes the breath away. Both A Matter of Life and Death (BBC2, 10.25pm) and I Know Where I'm Going (12,05am) offer abundant examples.

• Having roamed far and wide in its search for indigenous music, Rhythms of the World (BBC2, 6.30pm) comes home tonight with a fascinating report from the English folk scene, where traditional dances are being invigorated by infusions of reggae, rock steady and dub. Fiddles and squeezeboxes are still much in evidence, but augmented by drums and electric guitars. Quaint old newsreels of Morris dancers introduce performances by two of the modern folk bands. Edward II and the Red Hot Polkas are the more radical, with a bold incorporation of contemporary musical styles which has alienated traditionalists but pulled in enthusiastic new audiences. The Oyster Band, which spent several years on the folk club circuit before moving into rock venues, has similarly drawn on folk idioms while trying to create a contemporary roots music which turns its back on a green, idyllic past.

BBC-1

6.40 Open University: Pure Maths
7.05 Geometric Topology
7.30 Saturday Starts Here with Wayne
Jackman and Ian Tregonning
beginning with Playdays (r) 7.55
Laurel and Hardy, Cartoon (r) 8.00
New Adventures of Mighty

Mouse 8.15 Tales of the Rodent Sherlock Holmes. The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle. Roland Rat turns master detective, with Rodney Bewes as Inspector Snapper and Kevin the Gerbil as Watson 8.35

Thurdercats. Animated science fiction adventures (r)

9.00 Going Live! Jerry Hall, Paula Danziger and pop group Big Fun john Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield; Lynn Faulds Wood's Watchdog report is on compact discs; and the cameras follow competition winners Gina Breslin and Ben Gammon on their trip to Jamaica. Plus the usual cartoons, videos and competitions 12.12

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Grandstand introduced by
Desmond Lynam. The line-up is
(subject to alteration): Footbalt:
FA Cup sixth round preview; 12.40
Skating: the world championships
from Halifax, Nova Scotia; 1.00
News; 1.05, 1.40, 2.10 and
2.40 Goift a Super Skins game from
Australia; 1.25, 1.35 and 2.25
Recipe from Chenstow; 2.35 and Racing from Chepstow; 2-55 and 3-50 Rugby League: live coverage of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semifinal between Wigan and St Helens; 3-40 Football: latest or neiens; 3.40 Footbell: latest scores; 4.35 Cricket: highlights of the play so far on the first day of the second Test between West Indies and England in Georgetown, Guyana; 4.40 Final Score
News with Moira Shart Weether

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional news and sport 5.20 The Flying Doctora: Sapphire. A lucury trip for Dr Chris Randall turns

into a nightmare when she
discovers someone is trying to
poison her host. (Ceefax)

6.10 Jim'll Fix It. A BBC make-up
designer solves the problem of the
horse without a proper tail;
Gemma Trevett finds out about being a perfect nanny; Celeste Hicks learns about journalism at the offices of a Sunday newspaper; and Kirsty Dick and Kerry Peters get their wish to sing with the Houghton Weavers. Presented by Jimmy Savile. (Ceefax)

6.45 Little and Large. For this last show in the series, Syd and Eddie present Jason Donovan — or is it? Guests are Carmen Silvera and singer Sydney Youngblood. (Ceetax)

7.20 Film: Jews (1975) starring Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss. Police chief Martin Brody is convinced there has been a shark attack at the seaside resort of Amity. But closing the beaches will have a disastrous effect on the tourist trade, so Brody is persuaded to keep them open. Then a small boy is killed, the beaches are closed and the search is on. Directed by Steven Spielberg. (Ceefax)
 News with Michael Buerk. Sport

and weather 9.40 Match of the Day: The Road to Wembley. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of the action from this afternoon's FA Cup quarter-finals. The commentators are John Motson and Tony Gubba

are John Motson and Tony Gubba
10.50 Rory Bremner. Comedy as Rory
Bremner changes his face to fit his
story. With John Bird, Steve
Nalion and Enn Reihel (r)
11.20 World Figure Skating
Championships. Former world and
Olympic champion Christopher
Dean joins Alan Weeks in the
commentary box. Tonight's
programme features highlights of the
ladies' free programme
12.00 International Cricket. Tony Lewis
presents highlights of the first day's
play in the second Test between play in the second Test between the West Indies and England, from

Georgetown, Guyana

12.30mm Film: Sweet Revenge (1976)
starring Stockard Channing and Sam
Waterston. Arrested on a minor there, a determined young lady car thief Dandy Cochran persuades public defender Philip Le Clerq to release her on his own recognizance. Free again, she sets out to get the money she needs to fulfil her one dream in life — to own a Dino Ferrari sports car. Meanwhile, Le Clerq is determined to help her mend her ways. Directed by Jerry Schatzberg

1.55 Weather

Glyn Houston: plays Brother

Cadfael (Radio 4, 7.45pm)

mission of the opera clashes,

unfortunately, with the repeat broadcast of An Evening in Vienna (Radio 2, 7.30pm)

which loses nothing by being, in truth, an evening in Pres-

ton. It takes more than a mere

change of venue to vaporize

the spirit of the Strausses. Age to Age (Radio 4, 4.00pm) should be worth tuning in to,

because Lord Briggs will be

talking about British broad-

casting - past, present, and

(more importantly, in these

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6.60 TV-am begins with News, read by Susie Grant, and It's Stardust. Aivin Stardust introduces songs, stories and poems about the environment (r) 7.00 WAC 90 presented by Tommy Boyd and Michaela Strachan

9.25 Motormouth 2. Tony Gregory finishes his interview with pop group New Kids on the Block, including exclusive footage of the group at work in America and the chance work in America and the clarked to win a pair of tickets to each of their British concerts later this year.
Plus limbo dancing, table-termis and the new singles from Erasure and Wet Wet Wet 11.30 The ITY Chart Show. The Vintage

Video spot features Huey Lewis and the News 12.30 The Munsters Today: Computer

Mating. Grandpa finds his perfect woman when he joins a video dating agency. Followed by Get Ready for Telethon 90 1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.05 LWT News and

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1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview today's top football action

1.40 Sportsmasters. Sports quiz introduced by Dicke Davies

2.10 Coronation Street. Wednesday and Fnday's episodes (r)

3.05 World Figure Skating Championships. Nick Owen hosts this afternoon's action from Halifax. Nova Scotia, which features Halitax, Nova Scotia, which features the ice dance competition.

3.35 Athletics: Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championships Live coverage from Cosford, introduced by Jim Rosenthal 4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby 5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.05 LWT News and

5.15 Athletics: Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championsh Further action from Cosford introduced by Jim Rosenthal

5.45 Get Ready for Telethon 90. With
Frank Bough and Judith Chalmers

6.15 Steaf Mark Walker presides over

the quiz show in which contestants have to crack codes in order to win prizes 6.45 Haggard: Affair of Honour. Haggard, Roderick and Grunge are finally back at Haggard Hall, but

home is not so sweet when they find themselves under house arrest. Starring Kerth Barron and Reece Dinsdale. (Oracle) Dinsdale. (Oracle)
7.15 You Betl. Sharron Davies, John Iles and Bob Carolgees join Bruce Forsyth and a studio audience to

bet on whether people will be able to tackle challenges put to them 8.15 Murder, She Wrote: Fire Burn, Cauldron Bubble. Cabot Cove is stunned by the apparent reappearance of a long-dead witch still practising black magle.
Starring Angela Lansbury. Followed by Get Ready for Telethon 90
9.15 Yellowthread Street: The Red

Pole. A top Triad assassin begins to kill off his friends and enemies alike. (Oracle) 10.15 News with Nicholas Owen. Sport

11.20 Tour of Duty: Nowhere To Run. Goloman and Anderson try to help Percell who is in a very unstable frame of mind after having shot a

12.20am Saturday Night at the Movies.
Tony Stattery hears how Rob Lowe is moving from his heart-throb roles in Oxford Blues and St Elmo's Fire to less sympathetic the actions in the sympathetic that the sympathetic sympathetic than actions in the sympathetic sym Masquerade and the forthcoming Bad Influence. Also, Danny DeVito talks about becoming a director and his difficulties in making the Michael Douglas/ Kathleen Turner vehicle War of the Roses. Plus reviews of Shadow Makers, Renegades and The Fabulous Baker Boys

L INSDECTO? HOM finds the evidence against a man supposed to have killed his wife overwhelming. The only witness to the murder was the man's deafmute sister-in-law. Can she communicate the truth to Horn? 2.00 American College Football.
Florida versus Georgia
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Michaela

Strachan and Pete Waterman introduce the best of club music from around the country, with live bands and competitions ITN Morning News wit Roman. Ends at 6.00

RADIO 2

BBC 2

6.50 Open University
2.45 Strikant. In this last episode a
downy is provided for both the
Thakurs' daughters by
Raijakshuri (r) (in Hindi with English

substities)
3.20 Tex Avery Double Bill (r)
3.55 The Pretty Route to Weston, In praise of the Weston, Clevedon and Portishead Light Railway, Presented by Gwyn Richards (r)
4.05 Film: The Nun's Story (1959).

starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter Finch. As she begins her training, Sister Luke finds the principle of unquestioning obedience hard to observe. When she is sent to work in the principle in the control of the principle of the p a hospital in the Congo as assistant to Dr Fortunati, an atherst, his taunting remarks make obedience even harder. Directed by

Fred Zinnemann 6.30 Rhythms of the World: Can You Dance the Police? (see Choice) Newsview with Mora Stuart and

Newswiew with Mora Stuart and Lynette Lithgow. Weather Missionaries: Battleground. Presenter Julian Pettiler goes to Papua New Gurnea — host to the largest, most active missionary community in the world with over 40 different Western denominations all competing for consets. 40 different Western denominations all competing for converts.
Petitifer gains rare access to the New Tribes Mission, one of America's largest, richest and most aggressively-fundamental Mission groups
8.55 Saturday Might Clive. Clive James takes a look at television output the world over, with help from this week's guest, comedian Mike McShane

McShane 9.40 A Pretty British Affair (r) (see Choice) 10.25 Film: A Matter of Life and Death

(1946) starring David Niven, Roger Livesey and Kim Hunter. The Michael Powell season begins with this fantasy drama about Peter Carter, a Second World War pilot who cheats death only for Heaven to realize that it has made a mistake and that Carter is really supposed to be in the celestial cockpit. Director Michael Powell

12.05am I Know Where I'm Going (1945, b/w) starring Wendy Hiller, Roger Livesey and Pamela Brown, Joan Webster's belief that she knows exactly what she wants from life is shaken when, en route to the Hebrides to marry a wealthy, elderly businessman, she meets a young naval officer.
Directed by Michael Powell and
Emeric Pressburger. Ends at
1.40

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Durrell in Russia (r) 6.30 Just 4 Fun 7.00 Once upon a Time...Life 7.30 International Times -World News 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s 9.30 Same Difference (r) 10.00

Travelog (r)
10.30 Film: The Story of Louis Pasteur (1936, b/w) starring Paut Munr in an Oscar-winning role as the celebrated French scientist. Directed

by William Dieterle
Buster Keaton Rides Again
(1965, b/w). A profile of the silent
comedy star as he makes one of
his last films, Relirodder. Directed by

John Sprotton

1.10 Film: Chance of a Lifetime (1950, b/w) starning Bernard Miles, Striking workers are offered to chance to run the business by the factory owner. Directed by Sernard Miles

2.55 Chamel 4 Recing from Sandown Park. The 3.00, 3.35, 4.10 and 4.40 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle) 6.00 Right To Reply. C4's Women of South Lebanon is accused of being politically bissed

politically biased
6.30 Scottish Eye examines the health
risks taken by workers in "Silicon

7.00 The World This Week 7.15 Europe Express reports on the rebuilding of Berlin. Weather 8.00 Adventures: The Journey. Six young jailbirds undertake a monthlong trek across New Zealand in an attempt to change their behaviour. (Oracle)

9.00 thirtysomething. American comedy drama series (Oracle)

10.00 4 Play International: A Death in
the Family. Andy Boyd is gay, dying
from Aids and has been brought
to his New Zealand home by friends

who take care of him in his last days. Starring John Watson 11.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. An all-male audience discuss what they

b/w) starring Boris Karloff as a sadistic Austrian who abducts and murders a woman and her daughter. Directed by Edgar G. Ulmer

1.50 Film: The Raven (1935, b/w)

want from women

11.50 Yechting: Whitbread Round the
World Race. An up-date on the fourth
leg from Gareth Evans

12.35am Film: The Black Cat (1934.

starring Bela Lugosi as a Poe-obsessed doctor who swears revenge after he is turned down as a prospective son-in-law. Directed by Lewis Friedlander. Ends at 2.55

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-4.05 Wales on Saturday SCOTLAND: 4.40pm-5.05 Attemoor Sportscene 5.15-3.20 Scottish News and Sport 9-40 Scottish Comedy Classics 10.05-10.50 Sportscene MORTHERN RIELAND: 5.15pm-5.20 Northern Ireland News and Sport 10.50 The Show 11.50 Rery Brenner 12.20em World Figura Stating championships 1.00 international Cricket 1.30 Close

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 2.45pm-4.05 Conference

ANGLIA As London except-12-30pm-1-00
Huckteberry Fron and His Friends 5-456-15 The Spectacular World of Gunness Records 8-159-15 Murder, She Wrote: Broadway Malady 11-20
Saturday Night at the Movies 11-56 Film Contract on Cherry Street 2-35em indy Chart 4-15 Sledge Hammer!
4-45-5-00 Comedy Store. and weather 10.30 LWT Weather

10.35 Aspel and Company. Michael

Aspel plays host to Richard Harris
and The Who

BORDER As London except:12-30pm-1.00 Ski
Tips 2:10-3.06 Grzzhy Adams 5.456.15 Wild Ruise 8.15-9.15 Murder, She Wroter Three
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1st Exposure 4.30-8.00 America's Top Ten

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NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.04pm Scorts Stadium Strangers 6.30 Sul Than 6.93 Nisacks 7.00 Rapido 7.30 Tracey Ultima 8.00 Film: Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean 10.10 Decalogue 11.10 Friedrich Guida and Chaick Corea 12.10ams Gose.

News on the hour. 5.00am Sky News 5.30 Beyond 2000 6.30 The Unesco Report - Srl Lanks 7.30 Frank Bough This Week 8.30 Beyond 2000 9.30 The Reporters 10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30 The Unesco Report 12.30 motor Sports News 3.30 Our World - A View of Britsin: Wells Cathedral 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 Fashion TV 7.30 The Reporters 9.40 Greyhound Rading 9.48 The Best of Target 10.30 Entertainment This Week 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Best of Target 11.30 Motor Sports News 2.30 Entertainment This Week 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Best of Target 11.30 Motor Sports News 2.30 Entertainment This Week 3.30 The Reporters 4.30 Beyond 2000

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00mm Barrier Reet 6.30 Flying Kevi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pm What a Country 1.30 Cricket: West Indies v England, first day of the second Tast from Guyana 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 89 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Untouchables

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Biggles (1986): The First World War hero and a modern-day fast-food entrepreneur are caught up in an adventure through the trenches of time, With Neil Dickson
4.00 Yogi and the Invasion of the Space Bears: Animated adventure 6.00 Dream Date (1988): An overprotective father shadows his daughter when she goes out on a date with the star of the high school football team 7.40 Entertainment Tonight 8.00 Broadcast News (1987): A

6.00 Broadcast News (1987): A romamic triangle develops between a talented female producer, a handsome anchormen and a tough reporter. With Holly Hunter, William Hurt and Albert Brooks 10.10 UK Top 10: Cinema films 10.30 The Fourth Protocol (1986): Michael Caine as a British agent out to stop Russian Pierce Brosnan detonating a nuclear device on Gritish soil 12.30mm She's Gotte Have It (1986): A New York woman (Tracy Camilla) finds herself courted by three very different men

Section 1

men 2.00 Yamp (1986): Three college kids uncover a nest of urban vampres in a sleazy

night dub
4.00 The Culpepper Cattle Company
(1972): A teenage boy accompanies a trail
boss on a tough and perilous cattle drive.
With Gary Grimes. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

6.00mm Berrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Ford Ski Report 10.00 Biathlon World Championships 11.00 World Cup Skiing 12.30pm F1
Motor Racing USA 1.00pm Handball:
World Championships 4.00 Trans World
Sport 5.00 Wheels 6.00 Surfer Magazine 6.30 Trax 7.00 Figure Skating: World Championships 9.00 Boxing: Saturday Night Fights 10.30 Ft Motor Racing USA 11.00 Figure Skating: World Championships

6.30em Non-Stop Pure Pop. incl Remote Control 9.30 US Top 20 1 1.00 Yol 11.30 Week in Rock 12.00 Ray Cokes
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Big Picture 5.30 Party Zone 7.30 Kristiane
Backer 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Erotika
11.30 Marken Wexo 2.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.00am US College Basketball 2.30 Wide World of Sport 3.30 Rugby League 5.00 Tennis 6.30 Polo World 7.00 Pro Bowlers 8.15 Football 10.00 ice Hockey 12.00 Amentinian Football 1.00pm Tennis 2.30 French Rugby League 4.00 Motor Racing 6.00 Update; US Pro Ski Tour 6.30 Powersports 7.30 Tennis 9.00 ice Speedway 10.00 Argentinian Football 11.00 US Professional Boxing

LIFESTYLE

Full information on satellite TV

Another monk is clued up

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

■ Like Umberto Eco's William of Baskerville in The Name of the Rose, Ellis Pe-ters's Brother Cadfael in One Corpse Too Many (Radio 4, 7.45pm) is a medieval sleuth in monk's habit and like William, is a dab hand at sniffing out the identity of a murderer. Tonight's play is Alan Downer's adaptation of a first-rate Brother Cadfael mystery. Why, he wonders, is one man found strangled when all the other prisoners executed after a battle were hanged? The red herring which Peters drags across the murder trail did not put me off the scent any more than it does Glyn Houston's cowled detective.

 Other recommended listening: Scottish Opera's production of Verdi's La forza del destino (Radio 3, 7.20pm) which will please some, displease others by restoring the opera's original 1862 ending, dropped in 1869, and substituting a prelude for the popular overture. Trans- changing times) future.

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 18 barber's cat - all wind and

ANLACE (b) A short, two-edged knife or dagger, broad at the hilt and tapering to the point, formerly worn at the girdle, found in medieval Latin as anelatius; Byron: "The anish maid the aniance hath esponsed/Sung the load song and dared the deed of war." BARBER'S CAT

KILLOCK (a) Or killick, a small anchor, or its flake; in the Royal Navy a leading serman, from his badge, bearing the symbol of an anchor.

KITCHENALIA (a) Collectible items of antique or by-gone kitchen equipment; the usual suffix for collected objects is -ana, (c) A weak, sickly-looking. especially if thin, person from about 1860; textual but kitchenana would sound silly: "I wish people would refrain from calling kitchen critics suggest it is a corruption of "bare brisket"; also a gossipy person, "Like the

RADIO 1

5.00am Tim Smith 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breaktast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis

1.00pm Adrian Justa 2.00 The Classic Albums: Led Zeppelin 4. Jimmy Page talks to Roger-Scott about this classic album 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 Andy Peebles Soul Train 9.30 In Concert: Featuring AI Stewart, recorded at the Cambridge Folk Festival last August 10.30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freeman

FM Stereo 5.00. FM only)
4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00
Graham Knight 8.05 Dennis Quilley
9.00 Sounds of the Skides 9.00 Sounds of the Sixties
10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00
Gerald Harper 1.30ptan Pull the
Other One! 2.00 Robin Ray on
Record 3.00 Katle Boyle 5.00
Raigh McTell, recorded at the
Royal Festival Hall 8.00
Cinema 2 6.30 Myself When
Young: Nerrys Hughes 7.00 The
ABC Cutz 7.30 Saturday Night
Gala (see Choica) 9.30 String
Sound 10.05 Martin Keiner
12.05am Night Owls 1.00
Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night
Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00cm German Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and Franch German; Headlines in English and Franch German Features 5.00 News Leadines in English and Franch German Features 5.00 News Leadines in Travel News 6.00 News 1.55 Weather and English 5.01 Sportsword 5.30 Londres Travel News 6.00 News 7.30 From 7.30 German Features 7.45 Nachrichten the Weeklos 7.45 Nachrichten 18.00 News 8.00 News 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 News 9.00 News 9.15 The World Today Marrisan, 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.45 Otherwise 7.00 News 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Otherwise 7.00 Newshour 11.00 News 2.00 News 2.00 News-seek 1.01 News 11.00 News 10.00 News-seek 1.01 News 10.00 News-seek 1.01 News 10.00 News-seek 1.01 News 1.00 News 1.00



Nerys Hughes: recalls memories of ber childhood in Myself When Young, presented by Claire Rayner (Radio 2, 6.30pm)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM 6.55 Weather and News
Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Fauré
(Suite, masques et
bergamasques: Suisse
Romande under Anserme

Romande under Ansermet); Chabrier (Overture, Gwendoline: French National Orchestra under Jordan) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (conft: Dohnanyi (Suite, Op 19: Royal Philharmonic

Orchestra under Sargent); Stravinsky (Scènes de ballet: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Bernstein) 8.30 News 8.35 Tchalkovsky and Prokofiev: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Howard Williams, with Kathryn Stott,

Williams, with Kathryn Stott, piano, performs
Tchaikovsky (Overture, The Storm, Op 76); Prokofiev (Concerno No 3 in C, Op 26), Tchaikovsky (Ballad, The Voyevoda)

9.30 Saturday Review with Richard Osborns. Record Review — Building a Library. Fritz Spiegi on Mozart's Flute Quartets; 20th-century releases are reviewed by Flute Cluariets; 20th-centur releases are reviewed by Stephen Weish 10.40 Record Release: Stravinsk (Ballet, Pulcinella: Soloists; City of London Sinfonia under Hickox); Weill (Ballads: of Sexual Obsession; of Immoral Earnings "Threepenny Opera": Soloists; RIAS Berlin Sinfonietta under Mauceri); Martinú (Violin Concerto No 2: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra

Philharmonic Orchestra under Neumann, with Josef Suk, violin); Weill (Camata, The Ballad of Magna Carta; Soloists; Pro Musica, Cologne; Cologne Radio Orchestra under Latham-Koenig); Debussy (Images: CBSO under Rattle) 1.00pm News 1.05 Words: Theologian Don Cupitt with four reflections on language. Part 1: Word

1.10 Early Music Network (FM only from 1.30): Nonsuch Consort of Volces under Consort or volues or user John Milsom sings madrigals by Thomas Weelkes and John Wilbye 1.30-9.00 Test Match Special (NW only): Commentary on the first day of the second Cable and Wireless Test, West Indies v England at

Georgetown, Guyana Matthews and Bennett (FM only): Berlin Oboe Quartet performs Colin Matthews (Quartet); Richerd Rodney Bennett (Quartet)

2.35 From the Proms 1989 (FM only): Berlin RSO under Vladknir Ashkenazy performs Brahms (Symphony No 1); Shostakovich (Symphony No 6), incl 3.25 Interval

Reading
4.15 Poet of the Month (FM only): James Fenton introduces "The Balled of the imam and the Shah" the imam and the Shah"
and "Jerusalem"
4.25 Début: The planist Roy
Howat performs Debussy
(Estampes); Peter
Sculthorpe (Mountains,
1981); Wendy Hiscocks
(Joyu – first UK broadcast;
Chabrier (Scherzo-valse
"Pièces pittoresques")
8 00 letz Beruset (BM

5.00 Jazz Record Request (File only) with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum (File only):
45 Anthony Thwaite, in the chair, with Sheridan Morley, Marina Warner and John Wilders, discuss August Wilson's Joe Turner's Comi and Gone at the Tricyle

photographers' exhibition, in Our Time, at the Hayward Gallery, Oliver Stone's fitm Born on the Fourth of July, and A.S. Byatt's novel 6.35 Verdi by Liszt (FM only): The planist Claudio Arrau The planist Claudi performs Liszt's

Theatre: the Magnum

performs Liszt's
paraphrases of Simon
Boccanegra, I Lombardi and
Don Carlo
7.09 Letter from Glasgow (FM
only): Reflections from
playwright John McGrath
7.29 La forza del destino (FM
only until 9.00): Scottish
Opera Chorus under David
Dawd Prummond and David Drummond and Orchestra under John Mauceri perform Verdi's four-act opera. Elijah Moshinsky's new Mostansky's new production for Scottish Opera, which restores the original 1862 ending, is introduced by Gordon Stewart. Acts 1 and 2 (see Choica) 8.45 Elijah Moshinsky discusses his staging of Forza 9.00 Act 3 10.05 John Mauceri talks about the music of Verdi's most structured opera

most structured opera 10.20 Act 4 11.00 Danish Radio Big Band: Scandinavian Season. John Surman introduces the first of two highlights from a recent Barbican concert, with music by some of the ensemble's former directors, including Thad Jones, Ray Pitts and Bill Holman. With guests Van Montson and Georgie Farme

12.00 News 12.05am Close

12.00 Jason of Star Command
12.30pm The Secrets of Isis 1.00
Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever &
The Colonel 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FMt
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing: Weather
6.10 The Farming Week:
Includes a tour of Mull; the
Scottish NFU; and a crucial
week in Brussels
6.50 Prayer for the Day with
James Whitbourn 6.35
Weather 7.00 Today, with
John Humphrys and Peter
Hobday, incl 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 7.55,
8.58 Weather
9.00 News

3.00, 8.30 News 7.35, a.58 Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Ciff Morgan 9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and travel news. Presented by Bernard Falk, with Nigel Coombs.

10.00 News: Loose Ends: With Clive Anderson and guests Robert Elms, Emma Freud and John Walters (s)

11.00 News: The Week in Westminster with Peter Jenkins, associate editor of The Independent Peter Jenkins, associate editor of The Independent Europe, life and change in Europe. This week, the challenge of reform in Romanian schools and how refugees are treated by Sweden

12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby

12.25pez I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clus: Last In the series of the humorous panel game. With Tim Brooks Todor

Glue: Last in the series of the humorous panel game. With Tim Brooke-Taylor, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer. Humphrey Lyttelton in the chair (s) 12.53 Weather 1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Kings Lynn, Norfolk, with penellists Tony Blair, MP; The Telegraph Blair, MP; The Telegraph group editor, Max Hastings; Charles Kennedy, MP; and Sheila Lawlor, deputy director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies (r) 2.00 News; Any Answers? 01-580 4411. Jonathan Director takes listeners' calls on issues raised in Any

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Questions?

2.30 Poor Things: Play by Jane
Coles (s) (r)

4.00 Age to Age with Sarry
Curliffle. Examines the
changing face of radio and
television in Britain,
fellowing the Concomment's

following the Government's new Broadcasting Bill (see Choice)
4.30 Science Now with Peter

5.00 in Exite: Jonathan Steinberg talks to four expatriates who have settled in Britain. Part 4: Zdena Tomin.

novelist and former Charter 77 activist, explains why she is unable to return to her

is convist, explains why shis is unable to return to her native Czechoslovakia (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Settrical review of the week's news. With Bit Wallis, David Tats, Salty Grace and John Beddeley (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News; Sports Round-up

6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)

7.10 Stop the Week (s)

7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre:
One Corpse too Many, Alan Downer's dramatization of a Brother Cadfael mystery by Ellis Peters. A monastery in 1138. Brother Cadfael mystery by murder. With Glyn Houston as Brother Cadfael, Jane Slavin as Godith Adeney, Richard Tate as King Staphen/Prior Robert, John Moffatt as Gilbert
Prescote/Brother Louis, Gerdfrey Malletened. Prescote/Brother Louis, Geoffrey Whitehead as Adam Courcelle, Joan Welker as Allne Siward and

Ken Cumberlidge as Hugh Beringar (s) (see Choice) 9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay presents a selection of popular melodies - this sk with a French flavour

9.50 Ten to Ten led by Canon Geoffrey Brown (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.00 News 10.15 Open Mind: John Lloyd challenges three experts to discuss a topic with open

10.45 Telling Lies: Four programmes about deceit and the detection of lying (2) 11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Brian Large and Geoffrey Parker on the

expertise involved in music broadcasting (s) (r)

11.39 Saturday-Night Fry:
Comedy with Stephen Fry.
Hugh Laune and Jen
Broadbent and Alison
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12.00-12.30am News,

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FM as LW except:
1.55-2.00pm Programme News
4.30-6.00 Optons: 4.30
Understanding the Media 5.00
Using Your Wordpower 5.30
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SUNDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

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TIPE SUSION SHOP

Peter Waymark

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• Going by the plot you would think that having treated BBC1 viewers to A Sense of Guilt, Andrea Newman had moved over to the Beeb's other channel. Adapted from Nina Bawden's novel by Stephen Wakelam, Circles of Deceit (BBC2, 9.55pm) has the typical Newman ingredients. Edward Fox plays Philip Proctor, a painter with an unfaithful wife and schizophrenic son who loses both and embarks on an affair with his young housekeeper. But this is a piece of several layers and not a little symbolism in which the deception of the human relationships finds its echo in the paintings which Philip copies from Old Masters and Breughel's "Icarus" stands as a metaphor for the lost son. Skilfully directed by the veteran Stuart Burge, directed by the veteran Smart Burge, Circles of Deceit is uniformly well cast, with John Nettleton, John Bird and Brenda Saunders standing out in supporting roles and Jane Lapotaire and Clare Holman excellent as the wife and mistress. The reservation concerns Fox. whose languid and mannered perfor-mance seems curiously out of place.



Edward Fox and Jane Lapotaire as the painter and his wife (BBC2, 9.55pm)

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RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

• As I spend much of my public life giving readings from Dickens, I am naturally prejudiced in favour of the new 10-part series Reading Alond because it kicks off (Radio 4, 8.40pm) with An Italian Dream, the Venetian sequence from Dickens's Pictures from Italy. Another reason I recommend it is that tonight's reader is Derek Jacobi who has already proved how well attuned to Dickens he is by giving us an Arthur Clennam to the life in the film of Little Dorrit . . . Fashionably, the BBC World Service is going "green", with a season of environmental debates and features including A World of Waste (11.30pm), an inquiry by Jonathan Head into the : " right and wrong things they are doing with our rubbish. A documentary full of non-expendable facts.

6.45 Open University
8.55 Pisyclays (r)
9.15 Morning Worship from Sussex
University's campus chapteincy
10.00 Bazzar. Janice Long presents the
lifestyle magazine including
household, beauty and tashion
tips (r) 10.25 Buongforno Italia!
Italian for beginners (r)
10.50 Europeans. Chantal Cuer looks at
Italian attitudes to death (r) 11.20
You in Mind. Coping with
Insomnia (r)

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11.30 Step Up to Wordpower. Improving reading and writing for adults, presented by Chris Serie. (Ceefax) 11.55 You Are What You Eat. Healthy eating (r). (Ceefax)

12.05 See Heart Magazine for the hearing impaired

12.30 Country File. Rupert Segar reports on French research being

reports on French research being carried out to combat the spread carried out to combat the spread of rables 12.55 Weather

1.00 News with Moira Stuart followed by On the Record: The inscrutable Electorate. Emily Buchanan reports on what influences voters' intentions 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Match of the Day Live: The Road at Manufalan The EA Congregator.

to Wenbley. The FA Cup quarter-final match between Liverpool and QPR, with highlights of the other three quarter-final matches. Followed by the draw for the semifinals

5.00 It Doesn't Have To Hurt! June Whitfield's painless exercise series.

(Ceefax)
5.10 The Clothes Show. Selkta Scott and Jeff Banks mingle with the designers, buyers, make-up artists, models, photographers and reporters at London Fashion Week. (Ceetax)
5.30 Antiques Roadshow from

5.30 Antiques Roadshow from Hornchurch, Essex. (Ceefax)
6.16 Quit and Win. With three days before National No Smoking Day, advice on how to kick the habit 6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise from Wimborne Minster. (Ceefax)
7.15 Don't West Up. Comedy series starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son medical men. (Ceefax)

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7.45 Bergarac: The Messenger Boy.
The Jersey detective is in London trying to solve a kidnepping case.
Starring John Nettles. (Ceefax)

8.40 Mestermind. This week's specialist subjects are: flat racing in Britain since 1945; medicine from Hippocrates to Lister; MGM pictures 1924-1960; and the RAF 1918-1978

9-10 That's Life! Consumer affairs

series
9.55 News with Martyn Lewis, Weather
10.10 Heart of the Matter, Joan
Bakewell reports on a special
scheme by London's Tower
Hamlets Council to establish an Aids
centre, which has received fierce opposition from local people.

Compelled to set up an independent commission to look into the matter, the Council is now faced with the predicament of having to fund the opposition's case as well as its own

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10.45 World Figure Skating
Championships. Barry Davies looks
at highlights of the past week's
action in Halifax, Nova Scotia

11.30 Dear John: USA. John's ex-wife
dumps his ex-best friend who then
looks for a shoulder to cry on
11.55 The Sky at Night. As Austin's
comet moves into the northern part
of the sky, Patrick Moore is joined
by comet observer Harold Ridley

12.15am Cricket. Highlights of the
second day's play in the second Test
between West Indies and England
in Georgetown, Guyana, introduced
by Tony Lewis

12.45 Shrikant. Final episode (r)

1.25am Weather

6.00 TV-am begins with Good Morning Moments presented by Ulrika Jonsson 7.00 Dappledown Farm

Jonsson 7.00 Dappledown Farm Introduced by Brian Cant
8.00 David Frost on Sunday. The guests include Cecil Parkinson and, reviewing the newspapers, Michael Write and Eve Pollard
9.25 Film: Big Red (1981) starring Watter Pidgeon, Gilles Payant and Emile Genest. Concluding the tale of orphan René who befriends his boss's prize red setter. Directed by Norman Tokar

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10.15 The Campbells, James's daughter, Emma, is sent to a finishing school, where her writing gives cause for concern

10.45 Link, Kevin Mulhem talks to members of People First, a group which helps people with fearning difficulties

difficulties

Morning Worship from the Park
Place Pastoral Centre in Hempshire
Encounter. John Hatton, principal
of the National Deat-Bland and
Rubella Association's school in
Birmingham, talks about what can be
done to help his 36 deaf and blind
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pupils 12.30 Get Ready for Telethon 90 12.40 Police 5 12.55 LWT News and

1.00 News at One with Sue Carpenter.

Weather

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1.10 Eyewitness. With items on professional child care; a smokable form of amphetamine; Boris Yeltsin; and Wrens at sea

2.00 McCloud: Sharkal, part one. The body of an Indian girl sets McCloud off on the trail of a loan shark.

3.00 Film: Reach for the Sky (1956 b/w), starring Kenneth More.
Dramatized version of the life of Second World War flying ace Douglas Bader. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. Followed by Get Ready for Telethon '90

5.30 Bullseye

6.00 Rescue: Missing. 202 Squadron, based in Lossiemouth, is called out to the Cean Odyssey drilling rig where, following a fire, one of the crew members is missing

6.30 News with Nicholas Owen.
Weather 6.35 LWT News

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe

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visits Westerham, Kent
7.15 The Two of Us: The Quest. Ashley
and Elaine Join a hunt for treasure
worth £5,000. (Oracle)
7.45 Inspector Morse: The Ghost in
the Machine. Morse and Sergeant
Lawis investigate the theft of a
valuable collection of erotic paintings
(r). (Oracle) (r). (Oracle)
9.50 News with Nicholas Owen,
Weather 10.05 LWT Weather.
10.10 One More Audience with Dame

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11.10 The South Bank Show. The work of the DVB Physical Theatre, a performance group which has attracted considerable praise since its formation in 1986 for its work, which uses movement and gesture instead of dialogue

12.10am International Athletics. Jim Rosenthal presents coverage of the McVitte's World Cross Country trials at Bellahouston Park in .Glascow

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1.55 Pick of the Week.
2.25 Film: Black Orchid (1952) starring
Ronald Howard and Olga Edwards. A
doctor is so committed to his
work that he neglects his wife. When
her sister arrives to act as his
assistant, they fall in love and his wife assistant, they fall in love and his win agrees to a divorce. But the law forbids a man to marry his divorced write's sister so, when the write is found murdered, there are two vary obvious suspects, Directed by Charles Saunders

3.30 Hillary's Adventurers includes ballooning

4.00 Nascer. Stock car racing

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

BB02 CHANNEL 4

6.35 Open University
12.00 Weatminster Week 12.35
Around Westminster
1.00 Tropical Rainforest in Mexico (r)
1.25 Weekend Outlook
1.30 40 Minutes: Green Police (r).
(Ceefax)
2.10 Erasure — "Wild". The group in concert in London's Docklands Arena
3.10 Film: The Sundowners (1960) starring Robert Mitchum, Deborah Kerr and Peter Ustnov. Drame set in the Australian outback in the 1920s, about an innerant 1920s, about an itinerant sheepdrover whose family wants to put down its roots. Directed by

Fred Zinnemann

5.10 Rugby Special. Gloucester v
Hariequins highlights introduced by
Chris Rea. The commentator is

Nigel Starmer-Smith.

8.10 It's Garry Shandling's Show.
American comedy series

6.35 The Money Programme. Includes a report on how stress in the workplace is costing companies a lot of money, forcing them to take the

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7.15 Land of the Eagle: Conquering
the Swamps. Part three of natural
history of North America series.
(Ceefax)
8.05 Alrine: King's Way. Includes a
profile of BA's chairman, Lord King
8.55 The British Academy Awards.
Magnus and Sally Magnusson host
this year's awards from
Glasgow's Exhibition and
Conference Centre. Includes 18
different craft categories embracing
both film and television
9.55 Screen Two: Circles of Decett.
(Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.10 Grand Prix. Murray Walker and
James Hunt with highlights of the US
Grand Prix from Phoenby.
Artzona.

11.45 Rapido (r) 12.15am Snub TV (r). Ends at 12.50

6.00 Hallelujah! (r) 6.30 Country Ways
(r) 7.00 Growing Places with
Penelope Keith (r) 7.30 Box
Office Weekly 8.00 The Bluffers
8.30 Children's Island. Episode
five 9.00 Dennis

9.25 Spice. Essem arts magazine
10.00 A Week in Politics
11.00 Boomi (r) 11.30 The Henderson
Kids 12.00 The Wattons 1.00 Land

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of the Glants

2.00 Lee Sketing. World championships

3.00 Film: The Great American Fourth
of July...And Other Disasters (1982)
starring Matt Dillon. Middle-aged
Raiph looks back to his cenage

Raiph looks back to his reenage years. Directed by Dick Bartlett
4.05 Film: Les Bicyclettes de Belsize (1968). A young man falls in love with the photograph of a model. Directed by Douglas Hickox
4.40 Out of the East: Privatizing Poland (r) 5.25 News and weather 5.30 Art of the Western World. Works of the Viennese Secassion artists 6.00 4th Dimension 6.30 The Wonder Years
7.00 Fragile Earth: Bailtal — Blue Eye of Siberia. Siberia's Lake Baikal 8.00 The Media Show includes a report on the launch of BSB

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9.00 Simfonietts. The music of
Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu
10.00 Film: Over the Edge (1979)
starring Matt Dillon, Michael Kramer
and Tom Fergus. Three
Californian middle-class suburban
tennaces become pales without teenagers become rebels without a cause. Directed by Jonathan Kaplan

11.50 The Street and Orientation
Express. Two Canadian animations
12.00 Film: Sati (1989) staming Shabana Azmi as a mute young Brahmin woman who has become an embarrassment to her family because of her single status. Directed by Apama Sen. Ends at 2.35am

VARIATIONS BBC1 WALES: 10.50 we The Flying Doctors
11.35 Time for Sport 12.30 pm-1.00
Farming in Wales 1.25 cm-1.30 News and weather SCOTLAND: 12.30 pm-1.00 Landward 3.00
Conference 90 4.16-5.05 Return Journey 11.30-11.55 Conference 90 TSW As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Farming
News 2.00 Fisheries News 2.30-3.00 Off the
Pag 12.10am in the Heat of the Night 1.05 Out Night
1.35 I Spy 2.35 Athlenes 3.20 Pick of the Week 3.508.00 Chart Show.

11.55 Conference 90
BBC2 WALES: 12.35pen-1.00 See Hear!
SCOTT.AND: 12.00-1.00pen Nove Gallery
8.10-6.10 Rugby Special from Scotland
NORTHERN (NEL AND: 12.35pm-1.00 A Taste of Uster

ANGLIA As London except-12.30pm-1.00

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1.05 Ambetts 1.50 Ray Bradbury Theatre 2.30

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4.30-3.00 Pick of the Week
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Coronation Street 2.55 Rescue 3.30 Cover Story
(Dudley Moore) 4.00 Fall Guy 5.00-6.30 Scotsport
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CHANNEL As London except:12.35pm-1.00

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12.40 Invisible Man 1.10 Athletos 1.55 Pim:

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Antiences 3.20 Pick or the Week 3.50-5.00 Chari Show.
HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00

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Esther and the King 12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H
1.10 Artholists 1.50 Chari Show 2.45 Silk Rod 3.45

Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.00 Jobsfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except 12.00-12.30pm Wales on Sunday 2.00-3.00 Shadow Across the Sun 3.00-3.25 Heart of the Country.

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the Week 1.25 Chart Show 4.25-3.00 Jobindon.
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NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.20am Spartacus
Beet Box 1.30pm Sesame Street 2.30 Rose the Great
3.00 Ses Urches 3.55 Behind the Mask 5.10 Youth
Plays for Armena 6.05 Zorro 6.30 Real Food of China
6.55 Nuacrit 7.00 Newsweek 7.30 Far City 6.00 Baset
Mossaeve 9.05 Inspector Morse 11.05 Sports Special
12.00 Close.

SATELLITE

6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm The Ropers 1.30 Chicket West Table in the Hopers 133 of the second Indies v England, second day of the second Test from Guyana 8.45 Film: The Two Lives of Carol Letner 10.30 Those Were The Days 11.09 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 Entertainment This Week

News on the hour. News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News 5.30 The Best of
Target 6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Our
World 8.30 Those Were the Days 9.30
Planet Earth 10.30 The Unesco Report
11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm 48 Hours
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SKY MOVIES

From **6.00am** The Shopping Channel **2.00pm** Carry On Don't Lose Your Head!: With the *Carry On* team **4.00** The Ryan White Story (1988): The A.00 The Ryan White Story (1988): The true story of a young boy who contracted Aids through a blood transfusion 6.00 Helic Again (1987): Shelley Long as a housewrite who ches and is brought back to life by her mystic sister 7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky 8.00 Hope and Glory (1987): An account of life in England during the Second World War, seen through the eyes of a young boy (Sebastian Rice Edwards) 10.00 The Morning After (1988): Jane Fonda as a washed-up actress who wakes up to find a murdered man in her bed 11.45 The Pick-Up Artist (1987): A teenage girl (Molly Ringwald) spurns the advances of a wornaniser (Robert Downey, jun.)

Downey, jun.) 1.30am Chariots of Fire (1981): A true-

1.30am Chanos of the (1931): A true-life drama set in and around the 1924 Olympics, following the fortunes of two sprinters. With Ben Cross and Ian Charleson 4.00 Just between Friends (1986): Two women friends are unaware they are both involved with the same man. With Mary Tyler Moore, Christine Laht and Ted Danson. Ends at 5.50em

EUROSPORT

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Trax 9.30 Figure Skating 11.30 Biathlon World Championships 12.30pm F1 Motor Racing USA 1.00 Rugby League 2.00 Boxing 3.30 F1 Motor Racing 4.00 Athletics 6.00 Horse Show 7.00 Football: Barcelona v Celta 9.00 Formula 1 Motor Racing Grand Prix 11.00 Figure Skating 11.00 Figure Skating

6.00am Ray Cokes 10.30 The Bio Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Paul King 4.30 Don Johnson Special 5.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.00 XPO 6.30 Kristiane Backer 9.30 New Visions: World Beat 10.00 Week in Rock 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am French Rugby League 2.15 Pro Bowlers 3.30 Football 5.30 US Pro Ski Pro Bowlers 3.30 Football 5.30 US Pro S Tour 6.00 Motor Racing 6.00 US College Basketball 9.30 US Pro Ski Tour 10.00 Golf 12.00 Football 2.00pm Spain Spain Sport 2.15 Polo World 2.45 Pro Bowlers 4.00 Tennis 5.30 Sport en France 6.00 Update; Ice Hockey 8.00 Powersports 9.00 Ice Speedway 10.00 Rugby League 11.30 Boxing

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Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5,30cm until 12,30pm, then at 2,30, 4,30, 7,30, 9,30pm 7.00 Tm Smith 7.00 The منا 5.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pen Pick of the Pops: Alan Freeman with the week's Top 20 chests from 1969, 1974 and 1984 3.00 Scruples II
presented by Simon Mayo 3.30
Philip Schofield 5.00 Top 40
with Bruno Brookes 7.00 Anne
Michingsie's Bermest Show ghtingale's Request Show 00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-00am Sob Harris on Sunday

FM Stereo. 4.90mm David Alian 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies for You 11.00 Your

from the Shows 10.45 Michael Round at the plano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3 grosso in F, Op 6 No 9);
J.C.F. Fischer (Suite No 7 in G minor "Journel du printemps"); Bach (Orchestral Suites; No 1 in C; No 3 in D), inc? 2.10 interval Reading
4.00 Rubinstein on Record (FM only with Graham Sheffield. 6.55am News and Weathe 7.00 Handel: The fourth of 12 programmes. Two Arias for wind band (Academy of Ancient Music under Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood; Fugues: in G minor, HW 605; In B flat, HWV 607 (Leo van Doeselaar, organ); Concento grosso in A minor, Op 6 No 4 (Amsterd

Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman) 7.39 News 7.35 Moiselwitsch: The fourth of Schumann (Kreisterlana, Op 18; Propher Bird "Forest Scenes", Op 82 No 7; Beethoven (Sonata No 26 in

8.35 Your Concert Choice: Arriaga (Symphony in D minor: ECO under Jesus Lopez-Cobos); Brahms (Batlades, Op 10: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, Benedetti Michelangeli, piano); Doppher (Concerto for two flutes in D minor: National Opera Orchestra o Monte Cerlo under Claudio Scimonal: Participation 7.00 Erich Leinsdorf and the Chicago SO (FM only) perform Strauss (Serenade Scimone); Rachmaninov (The Bells: SNO and Chorus under Neeme Järvi) AJ; STEURS (AUS RABERI)
8.30 Wolfgang Menz (FM only
until 9.00): The planist
performs Beethoven
(Andente in F. WoO 57
"Andente favori"; Polonaise
in C. Op 89; Rondo a

11.15 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under George Hurst, with Ernst Kovacic, violin, performs Tippett (Ritual Dances); Britten (Violin Concerto): Brahms ymphony No 4 in E minor) 1.00pen Song of Songs: BBC Singers; Endymion Ensemble under Simon Joly perform Palestrina (Osculetur me; Trai (Osculetur me; Trahe me post te); James Antony Ellis (Song of Songs, Book 1 — BBC commission, first

performance): Palestrina (Nigra sum; Vineam meam)
1.30-9.00pm Test Match Special (New only): Commentary on the second day's play of the second Cable and Wireless second cases and virtuess
Test. West Indies v England,
from Georgetown, Guyarra
1.30 Violin and Piano (FM only):
Minam Fried and Clifford Benson perform Mozart (Sonata in E minor, K 304); Faure (Sonata in A, Op 13);

2.30 Towards Bach (FM orly): A Towards Bach (Per Gray): a selection of compositions from Bach's predecessors, performed by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Signswald Kulfken.

J.S. Kusser (Ouverture No 4 in D minor, 1682): J. Rosenmüller (Sonata da camera No 5 in D minor, 1670); Corelli (Concento

RADIO 2

Melodies for You 11.00 Your Radio 2 AB-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00-5.00 FA Cup Special (NW only) 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Orchestral Contrasts 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Chartle Chester (NW only) 7.00 An Actor's Life for Me 7.30 Operatia Nights 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 Songs from the Shows 10.45 Michael

only) with Graham Sheffield. The pianist Artur Rubinstein

performs Chopin (Scherzo No 1 in B minor, Waltzes: In A flat, Op S4 No 1; in C

sharp minor, Op 64 No 2; Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58; Waltzea: Op 70; in G

flat; Finance, and D flat; Four Ballades) (r) 5.30 BBC Concert Orchestra (FM

only) under Barry Wordsworth performs

Eclides)
6.15 Kaja Saariaho (FM only):
Scandinavian Sesson. The

A): Strauss (Aus Iti

(Four Pieces, Op 119) 9.25 Music from Finland:

Chabrier (Fêtre polonaise); Busset (Petria suite); Debussy, orch Busser (Petrie suite); Franck

Finnish composer talks with Michael Hall

for wind instruments); Brahms (Serenade No 2 in

capriccio in G, Op 129); Schumann (Faschings-schwank aus Wien); Brahms

Capricom under Oliver
Knussen performs Lindberg
(De Tartuffe, je crois);
Salonen (Yta 1: with Helen

Keen, alto flute); Searlaho (Lichtbogen: with lan

megratori or sureing as martyrdom, recorded in Arundel Castle, drawn from the writings of Henry Howard, Philip Howard and Robert Southwell, all three condemned to death for the castle in 18th century.

treason in 16th century

William Byrd and Thomas
Tallis, sung by the Nonsuch
Consort of Voices
11.30 The Sacred Mysteries of
Heinnich Biber: Sonata No 5
in A "The 12-year-old Jesus
In the Temple": Sonata No 6
in C minor "The Agony in
the Garden": Sonata No 7 in
F "The Scourging of Jesus"
12.00 News 12.05am Close

England. With moters by William Byrd and Thomas

losmien, electronics

10.30 in manus tues, Domine: A meditation on suffering and

10.05 Third Ear with Robert

WORLD SERVICE

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell visits Joe Henson and his family on their sheep and arable farm in the Cotswolds 7.40 Sunday.

arable farm in the Cotswolds 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Michael Heseltine, MP, on behalf of the National Gardens Scheme, which raises where your for pursue and

money for nursing and gardening charities 6.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r) 9.30 Morning Service from Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff

10.15 The Archers omnibus 11.15 News Stand with Maureen 11.15 News Stand with Maliteen O'Connor
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with Professor Sir George Porter, president of the Royal Society, and joint winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry (s) 12.55

Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend
with Nick Clarke 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time Minster and Monkton Horticultural Society put their queries to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sue Phillips. With Clay Jones in the chair

4.00 News; Soundtrack: Blood veterans and Russian soldiers who fought in

Jones in the chair

2.30 Classic Seriel: The Mystery
of Edwin Drood, by Charles
Dickens, dramatized in five
parts by David Bluck. Part 2:
A Disappearance (s) (r)

3.30 The Radio Programme with
Laurie Taylor (s) Brothers. The first of six programmes. Peter Nasmyth reports on a meeting held in Moscow between American Vietnam Alchanistan, who loined forces to share the horrors of war (r)
4.42 Profile: Hugh Prysor-Jones
talks to Nikolal Tolstoy —
novelist, romantic and

5.00mm German Features 5.35 News in 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 German; Headlines in English and French BBC English 4.30 Nachtchizen 4.40 Ar7 Sports News 5.35 Financial Review German; Features 5.00 News 5.09 Book 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Choice 5.15 Club 648 5.30 Londres Soir Newsdask 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 6.15 BBC English 8.30 Nachrichten 6.40 Choice 5.15 Club 648 5.30 Londres Soir Newsdask 6.30 Londres Matin 7.20 Prom German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 6.40 Choice 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 World of Fath 8.10 Screenphay 9.01 Words of Fath 8.15 The Pleasure's 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.00 Newsdask 10.00 Newshout Titus 1.05 News 1.05 North 1.00 News 1.00 News 3.00 News 3.00

RADIO 4

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Dr Neit Cossons, director of the Science Museum, visits 5.40 Lines of Communication: In the last of six programmes, Patrick Hennan talks about television **5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weathe

6.00 News
6.15 Letter From . . . Calcutta. A series of four talks by foreign correspondents. Three hundred years after i was founded, Mark Tully explains why the former capital of the Raj still has much to celebrate, despite the city's notorious poverty foreign comple: Weekly magazin reflecting people, life and

 5.30 Europhile: Weekly magazin reflecting people, life and change in Europe
 7.90 Cat's Whiskers presented by Andy Crane (s)
 7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde discovers what makes a classic textbook, and visits a warehouse crammed with books for Romania's books for Romania's Punters (new series): An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. With

Susan Marting (r) 8.40 Reading Aloud (new series) (see Choice)
9.00 News; Enguire Within: Dilly
Barlow tackles listeners'
questions (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme with Jessica Holm and Fergus Keeling

10.00 News
10.15 The Churchill Years (new series): Six plays by David Wheeler documenting Winston Churchill's career. With Deniel Messey. Part 1.
A Shooting Star (s) (r)
11.00 in Committee presented by John Tumbull
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Part 2: Mor

Than Meets the Eye? The Rev Dr John Polkinghome

presents six programmes

for Lent (s) 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping FM as LW except 7.00-8.00 Open University: 7.90 Modern Art: Impressionist Exhibition 7.20 The Nature of Wuthering Heights 7.40 Language and the Novel 1.55-2.00 Programme News 4.00-6.00
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Options: 4.00 Education Matters
4.30 The Waiting Game 5.00 A
Long, Long Tale a-Winding 5.30
Buongiorno Italia!

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backs Poles over border

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

France last night said the "this totally confirms our resolution on the Polish fron- confidence in France," Mr tier adopted by the West Mazowiecki declared. German parliament on Thursborder guarantees.

"I think this declaration and allies.

must be more specific," he East Berlin: The two said at a press conference. Germanies yesterday took This is not just any frontier. It is the Oder-Neisse line."

that his government believes with a meeting of officials and the Poles must be directly legal experts from both counthe Poles must be directly

Refugee crisis.

future of an unified Germany where-ever their own borders

dent, Mr Wojciech Jaruzelski, and the prime minister, Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a re-laxed, sometimes jovial, M Mitterrand gave firm and unequivocal backing for Poland's position in the frontier dispute with Bonn.

He said France supported the Polish view that some form of "international judical act" was essential to guarantee the permanent status of the 'sacrosancı'' Oder-Neisse line before the anticipated unification of Germany.

"We are greatly satisfied with progress made during sides had agreed "absolute this extremely important confidentiality".

President Mitterrand of visit," said Mr Jaruzelski.

M Mitterrand took pains, day was "insufficient" and however, to emphasize that urged Bonn to strengthen France and West Germany remain the closest of friends

their first joint steps towards deciding the timetable and M Mitterrand confirmed procedures for reunification tries (Anne McElvoy writes).

The talks were intended to associated with the "two plus clear the way for the first conference of the Germanies four" discussions on the and the Western allies - the so-called two plus four - to be held in Bonn next week.

The discussions were said to Flanked by the Polish presi- have taken place "in a constructive atmosphere" and are thought to have focused on recognition of the Oder-Neisse border and the question of whether it would be possible to unify the two states by a simple anschluss of East Germany by West Germany, as provided for in the West German constitution.

East Germany still disputes the legality of Article 23 of the Constitution which would be used to justify this method. Herr Ernst Krabatsch, the deputy East German Foreign Minister, said that the two

Mitterrand | £650 Spencer painting sells for £770,000



An important visionary pic-ture by Sir Stanley Spencer

RA, bought by a young woman artist for £050 at the Royal Academy in 1950, was sold for £770,000 yesterday at a record-breaking sale of British pictures at Christie's.

Mary Corble, who knew Spencer at Conkham, on the Thames in Berkshire, sold her diamond brouch, 2 gift from her mother, to buy "Resurrec-tion: Waking Up", a triptych 30 in by 80 in overall. It shows groups of people vawning and stretching beside their graves in a cemetery at Port Glasgow

The picture passed to her daughter, Mrs Ann Neville, who lives in Kent. She, in turn,

Salcroom...

has given it to her six children who are to share the proceeds of its sale between them. The price is a record for Spencer and a big advance on £429,000, the previous best, which was paid two years ago.

The painting, shaped like the top of a cross, is typical of Spencer's intensely personal religious vision and part of the celebrated Port Glasgow series. It was bought by Bernard Jacobson, a London dealer, the under-bidder being Charles Leggatt of Leggatt

A £61,600 record for a Spencer drawing, a mude selfportrait, was also set at the sale, which made £3,791,700 over the two days it lasted - a picture auction.

Mr Jacobson said afterwards that he bought the picture for an exhibition he intends staging next year.

Pressure mounting for debate on Fayeds

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

Ministers were under mounting pressure yesterday to hold a Commons debate on the controversy surrounding the Fayed brothers' takeover of

A cross-party motion demanded a debate as Conservative MPs continued to voice strong criticism of Mr Nicholas Ridley's refusal to disqualify the Fayeds as directors of Harrods and the House of Fraser stores group.

As Conservative backbench MPs questioned how long Mr Ridley would remain in the Government, it was made clear that despite the furore over the findings of the DTI report Ministers considered the matter closed. Whitehall sources said that the

The Sultan of Brunei last night denied he was behind the takeover of Harrods by the Al Fayed brothers. In a press release the Sultan drew attention to a statement he made in July 1988 giving an "unequivocal assurance" he had no part in the £615 million House of Fraser purchase.

Leading article..

Government would not intervene now the decision had been taken. They dismissed as "rubbish" sugges-tions that the Prime Minister was distancing herself from Mr Ridley over a decision which has added to the Government's difficulties.

Mr Ridley took his decision not to disqualify the Fayeds from being directors of Harrods acting in a quasi judicial capacity. He made the de-cision and then reported it to the full

Three Conservative MPs, Dr Keith Hampson, Mr Robert McCrindle and Mr Robert Hicks, joined 18 Labour MPs in signing a Commons motion criticising as "inadequate" Mr Ridley's statement to the Commons on the 752-page report. The DTI inspectors report said the Fayed brothers "dishonestly misrepresented their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources" in the bitter £615 million battle with Lourho

Mr Ridley, who leaves today on a week-long visit to the Soviet Union and Poland, was criticised by senior members of the 1922 Conservative backbench committee at their weekly

for control of the House of Fraser.

meeting on Thursday. The attacks continued yesterday with Mr Hicks, Conservative MP for Cornwall South East, saying that the nation would be dismayed to see people in big companies acting with big money getting away with this type of activity.

Last night Labour submitted 30 questions to Mr Ridley on the affair. Box shared: Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that the Queen will share a box at the Royal Windsor Horse Show on May 18 with Mr Mohamed Fayed, the chairman of

A Palace spokesman said: "The Queen always has a house party at Windsor to coincide with the show, which has been sponsored by Harrods for several years. That will be the case

'Toytown' rebels attacked

Continued from page 1

The violence at Hackney, where a poll tax of £499 was set, drew many attacks from politicians yesterday and the Prime Minister, also visiting Scotland, said high poll taxes set by Labour councils were something to complain about but "the way to do it is in a very quiet, orderly manner."

The poll tax was a fairer system than rates and was now working "extremelly well" in Scotland where it was introduced last year.

Speaking at Dunoon Mr Kinnock's attack, which did extremists' activities, won a each other. There could be no lives".

exploitation of the role played by Militant Tendency in the town hall protests, the Labour leader said: "The Tories feign outrage. They are actually overjoyed.

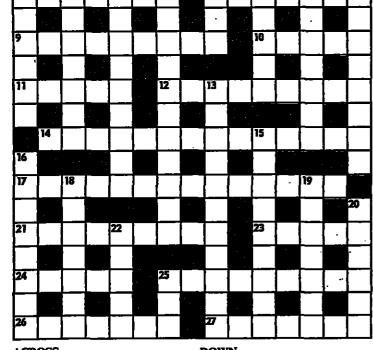
"They are living in hope that their guilt for introducing the poll tax might somehow be obscured by the uproar round the town halls.

"But as ever the fringe extremists on the ultra left are extremists in the Cabinet on the right and both are joined restricted himself to not spare the Government for in unholy alliance against condemning "the violence the attempting to profit from the everybody else. They feed off poll tax inflicts upon people's

rare standing ovation. Seeking excuse for the cynicism of to stem the Conservatives' extremist right and left wingers.

While he has sympathy for those who cannot to pay, the Labour leader said: "They do not deserve to be exploited by toytown revolutionaries who 🍨 pretend that the tax can be stopped and the Government toppled simply by non-pay-

Mr Pat Stack, a spokesman for the Socialist Workers Party, was pressed repeatedly giving limitless support to the on BBC radio to dissociate his members from violence but

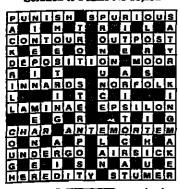


- 1 Slash rank when caught in small offence (7).
- 5 Occasional worker takes time to
- paint (7).

 9 Ritual post to the archbishop is empty (5-4). 10 Vigorous little general is shown
- round the corps (5). 11 Old county captain (5).
- 12 European gets loaf and comes round for tea (5,4).
- 14 The farce's words caused trouble it's set in the bedroom (5,2,7). 17 Letters that show similarity (14).
- 21 Part of town that's un-fashionable; don't pass through, 23 See in him a good example of perfection (5).
- 24 Femininity personified, but the creature is finally skint (5). 25 Square cape (9).
- 26 Saxon ruler found in booth (7). 27 Bird - the odds are against one flying straight (7).

Concise crossword, page 50

Solution to Puzzle No 18,232



- 1 Gas and benzene finally swell and ignite (3,3).
- 2 Baltic salad drunkenly called for
- 3 Missed tea, settled for a small
- 5 A fixture? I'd say not (3). 6 Comics, including posh Wizard
- 7 Looks on foreign money as something hideous (7).
 8 Tacitus was a deep thinker, we're told (8).
 13 Islanders one's met among
- people from the subcontinent (11). 15 States things in camera when ordered; take note (9).

 16 Palm a high card: officer and boy are taken in (8).
- 18 I learnt to dance the sailor's step
- 19 The Bellman's mistake? (7).
- 20 Take out chronicler of gypsy life

22 Snake — it was found under ves-sel when picked up (5). 25 One at sea in desert rising (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,237

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard a. Heavy Bruges lace

c. To entice voluntmously BARBER'S CAT a. A large comb b. An instrument of torture c. A thin, weedy person. KILLOCK

a. An anchor b. A Highland pony c. A chastity belt KITCHENALIA

a: Kitchen antiques b. Ailment known as chef's wrist

Answers on page 16

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WEATHER

Rain over eastern areas of England will soon clear, leaving England and Wales with a mostly dry day. Brighter intervals expected to develop in the East where it will be very mild. Northern Ireland and north-western England will have some rain. The heaviest and most persistent rain is expected over Scotland, especially in the west. Outlook: Rain at times

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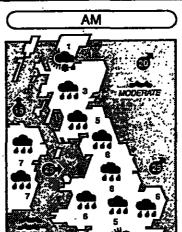
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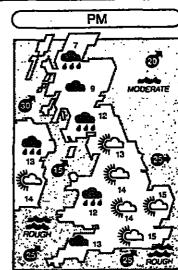
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Market report, page 23

Technology misses deadline

First Technology, the security and safety systems group, has barred itself for three months from any hostile bid for Ricardo Group, the engine designer, after the expiry last night of a deadline imposed by the Takeover Panel.

First Technology was given until 4 pm to state the terms of any unilateral offer it might make for Ricardo, whose mer-ger with SAC International it is opposing. The merger will be considered on Monday.

First Technology has said it wants an agreed deal only, and has suggested an all-share offer at 180p for Ricardo, but this has been rejected in favour of the merger.

Polymark sells

Polymark International, the laundry equipment group, is to sell its 90 per cent stake in Polymark France to its management, subject to share-holder approval, for Fr66 million (£6.9 million) in cash.

STOCK MARKETS

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Small investors may save with paperless shares

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor New systems for speculating on credit are likely to develop on the Stock Exchange after reforms are brought in from autumn next year aimed at speeding settlements of share deals and eliminating paper-

work and share certificates to cut

The changes involve abolishing the traditional fortnightly account, in which all deals done during the two-week period are settled at the end on a single settlement day.

The fortnightly accounts will end by October 1992. Thereafter, the

had to pay and have saved on duty and commission. In the old jargon, they could also buy "for new time" at the end of one account or "contango" a deal from one account to

All this will go after the Inter-national Stock Exchange phases in its long-planned Taurus computcrized, paperless trading system from October 1991. In the new jargon, "dematerialization" should be completed by the end of 1993.

the system to buy and sell within Exchange intends bargains to be who also used advice or portfolio- than the margin. The development the account, so that they have not settled within five days of being management services from costs of Taurus are estimated at up struck, with the eventual target of a three-day rolling settlement

Mr Hugh Smith, ISE chairman. estimated that the securities in-dustry could save between £225 million and £255 million over a 10year period from the change, mainly on brokers' back-office costs.He said individual investors should share in the savings if they used execution-only share dealing services, but he could not say whether this would be the case for the majority of private investors

Mr Hugh Smith did not expect Taurus to reduce speculation. He expected speculators to buy "on margin" as they do in other markets, such as Tokyo and New

Under this system brokers may allow short-term speculators to put up only a proportion (the "margin") of the purchase price of shares, which are held as security against loans to pay the rest. More money has to be put up, or losses taken, if the shares fall by more

to £50 million over the four years to March 1993 and annual running costs at between £30 million and £35 million, which is less than exisiting systems. Allowing for interest on the development costs, Mr Hugh Smith said ISE member firms and other users should make real cost savings.

The ISE plans to run Taurus as a service on a break-even basis. But Mr Peter Rawlins, chief executive, said that this could bring problems if other user groups — such as registrars — who have been invited to participate in owning the system, wanted a commercial return. When share certificates are abolished, Mr Rawlins said that private shareholders would have acknowledgement of ownership through an account with their broker or bank. But small investors could also use alternative arrangements organized by the company in which they owned shares.

Mr Hugh Smith said it was not true that private investors valued share certificates highly. They found the present torrent of paperwork a major disincentive to

Falling pound adds to Budget gloom

The pound fell again sharply in foreign exchange markets yesterday darkening the economic background to Mr John Major's first Budget on Tuesday week.

By the close of dealing in London, sterling had fallen by 1.1 on the Bank of England's effective rate index to 86.6 despite aggressive intervention by the Bank.

City traders said for the most part that they did not expect interest rates to rise but that the fall in the currency made any prospect of a cut in rates more distant than ever. In the money markets the

beliwether three-month interbank rate edged up by vis percentage point to 15/16 per cent - decisively above 15 per cent base rates but not yet indicating a rise. Gilt-edged stooks had another uncomfortable day in

the stock market with prices falling 11/2 points indicating continuing concern about the trend in inflation. Gilts have now fallen 3 points in a week and 6½ points in the past month putting yeilds above 12 per cent. The equity market was less badly affected closing down 15.7 at 2,234.13.

The reason for sterling's continued fall was again largely political. News of revolts against the poll tax and speculation that the Prime Minister's position was under threat in the cabinet prompted heavy selling from the Far East overnight. Traders were also worried about the probability of higher rates rules of thumb this could, if elsewhere in Japan and pos-sibly also in Germany which would be likely to narrow the differential between British rates and those overseas.

Mr Stephen Hannah, of securities group, said: "I don't think there is any appetite in the UK for higher interest rates, so sterling will have to take the strain." The Bank of England was

reported to have intervened aggressively to support the currency, but it continued to fall during the morning against both the dollar and other currencies. By late after noon it was down 2.70 cents against the dollar to \$1.6165 and 3.95 pfennigs against the mark at DM2.7545.

Sterling has now fallen by 4 per cent in a fortnight after briefly climbing back to the level it was at when Mr Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, resigned. On traditional



sustained, add 1 per cent to inflation.

The pound's position was not helped by a rise in the dollar during the afternoon after the announcement of a NatWest Capital Markets, the sharp rise in US employment. Non-farm payroll jobs jumped by 372,000 last month, the biggest monthly rise since June 1988. Unemployment remained at 5.3 per cent. Carworkers re-engaged after lay-offs in January helped to swell the figure. The increase in January was revised up-wards to 332,000. Wall Street economists were forecasting a 234,000 rise last month.

Traders concluded that the US economy might be stronger than had been thought and that interest rates were less likely to fall because of the potential effect on inflation. That helped the dollar.

The City view is that in spite of the pressure on the pound the Chancellor is unlikely to put up interest rates when the weakness stems from political factors rather than economic fundamentals.

Pictures of demonstrations outside town halls were thought to have been misinterpreted by some holders of sterling in Tokyo as indicating an East European scale of discontent.

In similar circumstances before Christmas when the pressure on the pound was judged by the Government to be temporary in the wake of Mr Lawson's resignation, the Bank also limited its action to intervention in markets.

Drexel — after the axe has fallen

Deserted: Tim Hayward, left, and Phil Wallace, joint administrators, in Drexel's empty commodity trading room yesterday

bert Holdings, the British arm \$100 million owed the British actions of the UK compared the collapsed US securities companies by their US parent. that caused this," he said. house, are sacking another 40 employees next week (Neil

Bennett writes). This will leave the firm with less than a quarter of its origi-nal workforce and follows the liquidation of most of its \$140 million commodity portfolio.

KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accou

Even so, it has built up a \$50

million cash fund to pay unse-cured creditors. These include will get no redundancy pay until the company is wound up.

Mr Time Market S 577 staff who most all its trading positions and sold \$50 million of a \$90 million Eurobond partfall.

Since the Drexel companies went into administration three weeks ago, it has unwound al-

Mr Tim Hayward, a joint Negotiations are under way administrator, blamed Drevel's remaining asxel's insolvency in Britain on sets, its metal option contracts voluntary liquidation once it the US company's decision to and a £13 million stake in has closed all its positions.

The administrators winding also revealed it has so far been file for bankruptcy protection. First Britannia, a mezzanine down Drexel Burnham Lam- unable to recover any of the "I do not believe it was the fund. Almost all the secured

The redundancies will leave the commodities and Eurobond operations of Drexel left with only 60 settlements staff to collect debts from clients. The foreign exchange trading subsidiary, which is not in liquidation, has another 20 employees, and should go into

agrees \$1.2bn buy

By Colin Campbell

in principle to buy Boyle-Midway of New York, the of American Home Products Corporation for \$1.25 billion. of banking facilities and a £200 million rights issue of convertible capital bonds.

Approval is needed from US regulatory authorities and R&C shareholders. The buy will bring several household names, including 3-in-One cause of the deal. lubricating oil, Easy-On laun-

dry aids, Woolite carpet cleaners and Wizard air fresheners. R&C will add at least 2430 million to its balance sheet because of the acquired trademarks. Boyle-Midway had not December 31 of \$171 lion), on sales of £1.57 billion (£191.3 million), on sales of £1.57 billion (£191.3 million) in 1989. A final R&C will add at least £450

Reckitt & Colman has agreed in principle to buy Boyle-Midway of New York, the household products division deal should be earnings positive from year two. The net effect on gearing should be to see net borrowings at between The deal — R&C's largest — see net borrowings at between will be funded via \$1.7 billion f400 million and £450 million and £450 million and £450 million. by 1990 balance sheet date, for a gearing of 55 per cent. This should fall because of R&C's organic growth and disposals.

> credit agency, said it may downgrade R&C paper be-The rights bond issue will be subscribed for in two tranches - 25p payable on April 2, the balance on September 21 - in

Standard & Poor's, the US

million and trading profits of (£1.39 billion) in 1989. A final (£1.39 billion) in 1989. A final dividend of 19.1p (16.35p), million. R&C will be buying it on a price earnings ratio of 22.

There is likely to be a shares fell 14p to £11.15.

Reckitt & Colman Sunley sues Fayed and ex-directors

By Angela Mackay

Mohamed Fayed for £40 million alleging fraud and breach of duty relating to commissions and assurances.

Writs were issued last year House of Fraser retail chain, and Mr John Sunley and the late Mr John Fryer, respectively former chairman and former managing director of Bernard Sunley.

On Wednesday, the management, led by Mr Nigel Linstead, quickly dissociated themselves from the Department of Trade and Industry report on the Fayed brothers' takeover of House of Fraser in 1985. Mr Fryer was interviewed by the DTI inspectors, but Mr Sunley refused to be.

Bernard Sunley & Sons, the construction company half-owned by Lonrho, is suing two that they were leading businformer directors and Mr essmen in the Gulf, nor that commission was being paid. The DTI report will be used in Bernard Sunley's case.

Mr Fryer told the inspectors that Bernard Sunley had paid gainst Mr Fayed, head of the Mr Mohamed Fayed about £40 million in commission for his part in winning it contracts worth £400 million in Dubai. Sources close to Sunley, however, said that Mr Fayed had been paid only about

£22.5 million, but that since

£40 million was the amount

attested to in evidence this is the amount to be sought. Mr Fryer told inspectors that Mr Fayed had "consid-erable" influence in gaining contracts. The DTI concluded that Mr Fayed had greatly exaggerated his role to Sunley, but saved "legwork".

None of the other Sunley directors knew that Mr Fryer and Mr Sunley vouched for Lonrho bought 50 per cent of Sunley last year.

Group admits bid talks after chairman resigns

Margulies quits troubled Berisford

By John Bell, City Editor

Berisford International, the troubled food and property group, is in talks which may lead to a takeover bid. The group said last night that Mr Ephraim Margulies, the chairman and architect of the group's early success, had resigned with immediate effect.

Berisford shares soared on news of the possible bid. They rose from 115p yesterday morning to 149p in hectic trading, putting a market value of £713 million on the group. More than 5 million shares were traded by the close of business. The prize asset of the group is Berisford Bristar, its sugar manufac-turing division, which contributed prof-its of £112 million last year, almost 60 per cent of the group's total.

Berisford may become the subject of a

powerful shareholders. ABF, the flour to sliced bread group, is Berisford's largest shareholder with 23 per cent. ABF has been bitterly critical of Berisford's recent performance, especially its disastrous involvement in New York property which cost £55 million in provisions last year. ABF and various dissatisfied institutional investors have been pressing for the departure of Mr Margulies after a fraught annual shareholders' meeting on Tuesday.

The US Pritzker family owns 11 per cent, which they bought in support of Mr Margulies. Mr Larry Goodman, the Irish entrepreneur owns another 11 per cent, but is regarded as no more than a darkhorse candidate for a bid. The Hillsdown group is also ranked as a possible buyer.

protracted bid battle between several Mr John Schater, a non-executive member of the Berisford board is to take over as non-exective chairman. He is a director of Foreign & Colonial.

Mr Margulies, aged 65, bowed out of 11 years of day-to-day involvement at Berisford in December to be replaced as chief executive by Mr Peter Jacobs, the former Mars director.

Marg, as he was known in the City, reversed his commodity trading business into the Berisford group in 1970. Mr Margulies is the son of a Rabbi and lives in Stamford Hill, North London. He sprang to prominence as the Guinness affair broke, repaying almost immediately £1.5 million of money received from Gunness around the time of the takeover of Distillers. He strenuously denied any wrongdoing.

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The top 63 managers at Gartmore are being paid £12.3 million for their executive share options by Banque Indosucz, as part of its £140 million acquisition of the fund manager. The French bank is also offering them new op-tions in its global asset management company.

The acquisition was delayed last week while the managers agreed to the new option package. The options cost £4.2 million to exercise, producing an average profit of £129,000 for each executive.

Indosuez has insisted on buying 100 per cent of Gartmore's shares and moving it into a new holding company, Gartmore-Indosuez

Shares in Parrish, the ill-

starred private client broker, rose 3p to 28p on the

announcement that it had received a number of pro-

Last July, Parrish said that talks about an equity injection had been frustrated by a 15 per

Parrish made yesterday's

bid or a cash injection.

of the company.

The heavily-leaked acquisition gives Indosuez the asset for indifferent investment ement presence in the performance. City it badly wanted.

Last November the bank was beaten by Deutsche Bank in its bid for Morgan Grenfell, and has since negotiated to buy at least one other fund

Apart from Gartmore, Indosuez is buying British & Commonwealth's 29.9 per cent stake in London & Strathclyde Trust for £14.8 million. The bank said it may now look at ways of spreading the investment among "its friends."

options over up to 15 per cent Indosuez's global portfolio to its of £6.2 million in the year more than £14.5 billion.

Gartmore has a reputation

M Bernard Simon-Barboux. Indosuez's executive vice-president, said, however, the bank was happy with the growth of the company's £4.5 growth of the company's £4.5 Suez, the bank's parent, has billion pension fund, and that agreed to inject Fr750 million recent appointments to the unit trust side would improve its returns

He said the group will also consider selling Gartmore products through a sales force rather than independent brokers.

For B&C the deal is part of Gartmore comes with assets an on-going asset disposal

Asset Management. The man-agers of this will be issued ment, which will increase Gartmore made pre-tax profto December, and the sale will increase B&C's earnings. At 2.1 per cent of managed assets, the price is in line with recent

> To help fund the deal, Compagnie Financière de (£79 million) this year.

Indosuez already manages \$12.8 billion in Asia and the United States through various subsidiaries.

M Simon-Barboux said the bank had already identified up to £3 million in annual savings by combining some of the

ir Peter Walters ceases to be chairman of BP tomorrow, his 59th birthday. He has good cause to celebrate. Peter Walters joined BP from Birmingham University in 1954, became a managing director in 1973, and was made chairman in 1981. Up to that time BP was run like the deals in the fund management

The company had been shaken by the nationalization of its Iranian assets and had gone through its first cycle of

Foreign Office, though not as ef-

The imperial manner was less imperious and there were fewer proconsular figures about the place.

The management culture, however, was still grounded in the 1950s and the company was in poor shape. It was losing its way in oil exploration and production and making losses in ship-ping, coal and minerals. In their wisdom the board made Walters chairman - the first man in that office who knew anything about oil.

He leaves BP tomorrow an infinitely better company, run by a team of managers arguably as good as in any large company anywhere in the world. Walters replaced the concept of the integrated oil company, which covered a multitude of sins, with an insistence

that each core business had to be Linear planning gave way to the bottom line. Core businesses were

ompanies tend to run in

cycles, and often in circles too.

Each cycle usually starts when

a new man with ambition and

a business plan climbs into the saddle.

The latest example is Allen Sheppard,

retailing and property - is about to be

made real and the Sheppard cycle is

underway. Simultaneously, he and

John "Fostering the World" Elliott, head of Elders, like Max Joseph before

them, are driving the industry toward

Under the Sheppard-Elliott swap

important rationalization.

chairman of Grand Metropolitan.

taking out Watney Mann.

Another watershed.

and company, originally tied by Winston Churchill, was severed. redefined - they had to have a strategic Peter Walters is a modest, almost shy man. His public profile is in keeping

quite the contrary, as his Herculean feats in the last nine years prove. But he would not dream, for example, of saving like his successor, "I have a national role to play. There are things that the chairman of BP can do and say." The next chapter in the BP story will be different from the one that ends Those assets which were peripheral tomorrow!

Walters will become non-executive chairman of Blue Circle Industries in June. He is also a director of Thorn problem. BP had acquired 55 per cent EMI and SmithKline Beecham. What of Sohio in 1969 as a way of capitalizing he ought to have been, of course, is chairman of National Westminster on Alaskan oil reserves. Between 1981 and 1985 the American management, Bank, a position denied him by a gang having barricaded itself in against of non-executive directors and some Limey intrusion, succeeded in losing a misguided senior managers.

Some say he was naive to tell the In 1986 Walters took the eagle by its board in advance that he would reduce its size in order to make it more Robert Horton, who from Monday officially sits in Walters' chair, to establish BP's freedom to manage the effective. That is his style — to be open in what he intends to do, and then to do

He is totally vindicated in the Horton and Walters negotiating at arms Department of Trade inspectors' report into the County NatWest/Phillips & Walters' third success was getting the British government out of BP. The Drew (Blue Arrow) affair and in the board chopping by Lord Alexander who eventually got the job. In this distinguished barrister NatWest has a manner of HMG's going - caught up in chairman of many parts, but the part not the one he would have chosen, but that is missing is the one Walters has to the power of 10 - commercial experience and remarkable success in directing a big company. None who knows him would refuse to raise a glass to him

Parrish is Perry profits reverse to £5m 'studying proposals'



Decline in fortunes at Perry: (from left) Robert Kempton, special car operations director, Richard Allan, chairman and chief executive, and Martin Lane, finance director

The rise in interest rates and the downturn in retail markets uncertain, he said. "It is the squeeze on consumer spending clipped pre-tax proffrom £8.35 million in the year to end-December. But the total dividend is held at 9p. with a final payment of 6.25p

(Martin Waller writes). ' The Psion portable computers Turnover was ahead from group increased pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £3.34 million on £304 million to £343 million. Mr Richard Allan, chair-

man and chief executive, said the reduction in profits had three main causes and had been signalled at the time of the interim profits. On the stock market the shares slipped back 6p to 159p.

margins. Also, interest charges its at Perry Group, the motor increased 53 per cent to £3.71 dealer, back to £5.03 million million despite only a slight rise in the company's debts and there was a £630,000 provision for pension contributions after changes in pension law.

> "The figures reflect fairly accurately the decline in the fortunes of the motor trade in the last four months of 1989," said Mr Allan.

Although January and February had shown a marked improvement over those months, particularly in the used-car market, the outlook for acquisitions towards the

and consequent reduction in difficult to predict whether the recent increases in mortgage rates will further influence potential new and used car "We had been looking for

some reduction in interest rates to stimulate retail demand, but this now appears unlikely in 1990." Another complicating fac-

tor was the strike at Ford, which had cut that manufacturer's market share to below 25 per cent because of lost production.

deal Elders, which owns Courage, becomes a close second to Bass in the brewing league (fourth in the world eague). Inntrepreneur Estates, which But the downturn meant GrandMet and Courage will jointly own, will initially own 8,500 Courage there might be opportunities and GrandMet public houses. Last

Brewing the second time around year's Monopolies and Mergers Commission report, by limiting the size of the tied estate to a maximum of 2,000 public houses, presented the main brewers with a choice to concentrate on brewing beer or concentrate on

Farewell to the oil chief who

rescued BP from the depths

Walters' second major achievement

was to resolve the Standard Oil of Ohio

wings, sacked the management and sent

company it owned. In the end, with

the 1987 stock market collapse, con-

troversy and angry recrimination - was

the Gordian knot between government

length, both sides got a good deal.

were sold.

cool \$6 billion.

retailing it. Nineteen years ago Sir Max Joseph, Elders and GrandMet have made their choice. So too has Whitbread. his predecessor but one and creator of the company, shocked the brewing est-With the maximum number of tied ablishment by taking over Truman. A houses raised to 2,000 plus half the year later he pulverized the beerage by remainder, Whitbread can comfortably ride both horses, which by tempera-

ment and tradition it prefers to do. It was, you might say, a watershed for the industry. Sheppard has agreed to sell both, plus Ruddles and Websters, to Elders IXL, the Australian group. Bass, with 23 per cent of brewing and 6,685 public houses (2,405 managed) is still making up its mind, and Allied-Lyons, Richard Martin, group chief executive, told me, is "considering the Sheppard's vision of GrandMet as a future. We have contingency plans and four-part operation - food, drink,

we will resolve the position this year." The intriguing question for him is the response of the Office of Fair Trading to the GrandMet-Elders' mega deal. Martin foresees "a limited number of players in five years" - perhaps only three major wholesale brewers. That prospect ought to exercise the OFT's mind. If the deal is not scrutinized by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would that not also imply, Martin wonders, "that a company not a brewer can be as big a retailer of beer as it wants to be. That is still to be tested."

Last year's MMC recommendations

were designed to give added protection to local and regional brewers. Even at the time they appeared to do the

Now the smaller fry are being threatened with tougher competition from bigger, leaner and thirstier giants. The ale brewers see themselves being taken out. Without waiting for fate Boddington has already sold its brewing business to Whitbread. Martin points out that the economies of scale are returning to brewing, especially for heavily advertised lagers.

Allied-Lyons, buffeted by bids (real and rumoured) and blessed by two outstanding bids of its own (J Lyons and Hiram Walker), has a much firmer presence, more muscle and a coherent

It is already an international brands company of real weight, though it needs an international beer brand - "in due course." It is disposing of "extraneous" businesses (Normand motor distributors, Embassy Hotels) and adding others it needs (Whitbread's spirits division). Half group earnings are overseas, where the business outlook is better than at home.

Allied look to have more options open than its main rivals, adding to the defensive qualities of the shares and giving them an edge as the great rationalization brew comes to the boil.

will suffer £12 million-worth of reorganization costs at a Swedish subsidiary and the board's worries about Elders

IXL's intentions for its 30 per cent holding pushed the shares 23p lower to 55p. Psion up 21%

News that Riva, the USM

electronic cash register maker,

soon as possible.

Riva drops

sales 64 per cent up at £31.4 million in 1989. The total dividend is 2.4p (1.2p) on virtually static earnings per share of 10.3p. Scantronic buy

Scantronic has acquired Arrowhead Technologies, a California security alarm business from Cerberus Technologies Cognac sales up

Cognac brandy sales rose 5.6 per cent to 177 million bottles last year, with Britain the third largest export market after the US and Japan.

Gaelic 'rights'

Gaelic Resources is raising Ir£1.5 million (£1.43 million) by a one-for-five rights issue at 10p a share to help fund exploration in Turkey.

The figures were affected by for the company remained end of the year, he added. Faster employment growth

ing to the Department of Employment's annual Labour

The workforce in employment grew by 3.4 million between March 1983 and last September - over 450,000

tially faster last spring than ted. The rate of job growth averaged 750,000 over the past three years - faster than other

Self-employment grew by 9

time employment.

The 900,000 rise in employ-

Employment grew substan- more than had been estima- the overall growth was in full-

previously indicated, accord-

main industrial economies.

per cent over the year to last spring, suggesting an acceleration in the trend of recent

ment led to a fall in unemployment of 400,000 between spring 1988 and last spring. Provisional figures showed output in the construction industry last year 4 per cent years. Nearly 90 per cent of higher on 1988 in value terms.

Yellowhammer to reveal strategy

cutting costs and putting the company back in the black. But contrary to speculation, the restructuring is likely to fall short of an equity injection

Mr Jon Summerill, the chairman, and Mr Jeremy Pemberton, the creative director, have almost 30 per cent of the company between them and have rejected approaches from Europe and the US.

Analysts have awaited the reorganization at Yellowhammer since it reported a surprise £150,000 first-half loss in December. This prompted a 56p slide in the share price to 85p, against a

Yellowhammer, the struggling advertising agency, will on Monday reveal how much have fallen further, to 35p at progress has been made in Friday's close, just 2p above their record low.

The losses were caused by spiralling costs when revenues were falling. As well as cutting back on overheads, Yellow-hammer is thought to be considering closing some of its smaller operations, including its start-up ventures in France and Spain, which are esti-mated by Warburg Securities, the broker, to have cost as much as £1 million to date. Most likely to go is Yellow-hammer Balades, the Spanish

For the year to end-March, Warburg expects Yellowhammer to make losses of about £1.5 million.

Mosaic's pattern of growth goes on

growing mini-conglomerate in which Mr Greg Hutchings, of Tomkins, holds 14 per cent, has unveiled three further acquisitions - making a total of 20 in the past two years for up to £16.5 million.

Mosaic is paying an initial £8.5 million - £7 million in cash and £1.5 million in new Mosaic shares - with deferred payments of up to £8 million. It plans to raise £9.2 million by a placing and an open offer of 3.51 million ordinary shares at 290p each on a 1-for-

This will finance the £7 million cash for the acquisitions and the £500,000 payable for Iddon, Bailey, Heydinger Advertising and Design, the advertising design

Mosaic Investments, the fast- company acquired last Wed-

The first of the acquisitions, Money Cooper, which designs exhibition stands, is for an initial £2.5 million, with up to £7 million deferred.

ing Channel Creasing Matrix, which makes creasing devices for the carton industry, for £4 million from Bunzl, plus £1 million for CCM's property in Wellingborough, North-

It is also acquiring Geo H Hughes, which manufactures and supplies wheels and tyres, up to £1 million deferred. Mosaic plans a final of at

In addition, Mosaic is buy-

for an initial £1 million, with least 4.25p, making 7.25p for the year, up 32 per cent. The shares eased 5p to 310p. To: The M&G Group, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Telephone: (0245) 266266 (Business hours). Please send me details of the newstyle M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan. No salesman will call.

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Richardson twins still thinking big despite property pain

Regentcrest counts cost in Rolls-Royces

By Matthew Bond

Interest payments are flowing out of Regenterest, the troubled West End property company, at £25,000 a day, according to Mr Roy Richardson, its

Rents, he says, are coming in at about £10,000. The gap, says the West Midlands entrepreneur, is extremely painful. Earlier this week, the company, of

which he and his twin brother, Don, hold 13 per cent, announced interim losses of £9 million, with borrowings of £57 million dwarfing assets of £12 million. Mr Richardson sees it slighly differently. "I think of it as a new Rolls-

Royce going out of the company every three days," he said. The Richardsons are used to thinking in terms of Rolls-Royces. They have become very wealthy by building their huge, privately-owned, Merry Hill shopping centre at Dudley. The complex currently has 1.8 million sq ft of shopping space. Business, says Mr Richardson, is "not too bad".

"Up here, we're more used to a Rolls-Royce coming into the company every three days," he said.

This week, the twins announced plans to take Regenterest private, by paying most shareholders 15p a share. Yesterday, their lawyers were negotiating for the 18 per cent stake of Mr Alan Coutts,

the chief executive, for rather less. The offer provides little comfort for shareholders who, as recently as last July, saw their shares at 85p and three years

saw their shares at 85p and three years ago saw a pre-crash peak of over 270p.

The Richardsons bought into Regent-crest, a former vehicle of Mr Jim Slater, in 1985 and used it originally as a holding company, acquiring stakes in companies such as Hall Engineering and Burns Anderson He suggestive recognition. Burns Anderson. Its aggressive property

trading began only in 1987, when it bought Mr Courts's private company, Courts Corporate Finance, giving him an initial 29 per cent of Regenterest.

The timing could not have been worse, with most of Regenterest's buying coinciding with the peak of the commercial property market, with the West End, particularly, over-heating. Now, says Mr Richardson, values have dropped and deals are taking much longer. "It's taken the margins out of the trade," he said.

Although, his enthusiasm for stock market quotes has waned, Mr Richardson has lost none of his keenness on property. "We're still interested in property everywhere," he said.

The Richardsons are still thinking big. Next week, the Duke of Gloucester will initiate investigative work at the 200acre Dudley site into whether their plan for a 2,000 ft tower - the tallest in the world - is geologically possible.

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St Michael wins over Paris

With Marks and Spencer due to open its first Spanish store next week, Gillian Bowditch looks at 15 years of M&S's flagship store

in France and finds essential

differences in national ways

A flying visit to Paris, gourmet store sales per sq ft of about centre of the western world, £2,000. would convince most British be the most receptive market for the sale of British sliced white pan bread.

But such is Marks and Spencer's reputation in France that Parisian housewives are snapping up "le sandwich loaf" like Chanel bargains in a sale. The loaf has become one of the best-selling food-lines at M&S's French flagship store on Boulevard Haussmann much to the amazement of Mr Jim McDonald, the store

"They like it because it keeps for a day or two, whereas baguettes are stale after a couple of hours," he says.

Catering for the Parisian penchant for sliced white bread is just one of the many idiosyncrasies Mr McDonald and his 400-strong team have incorporated into the Paris store in the 15 years since it

The store, which operates on the usual M&S principles of quality and value, makes concessions to Parisian tastes and ways of life while still remaining essentially British.
This flexibility has undoubtedly paid off, with the Haussmann store officially

in terms of sales and profit- which differ from those on ability, although analysts rank sale in British M&S stores. Turnover is believed to be ture of which Mr McDonald

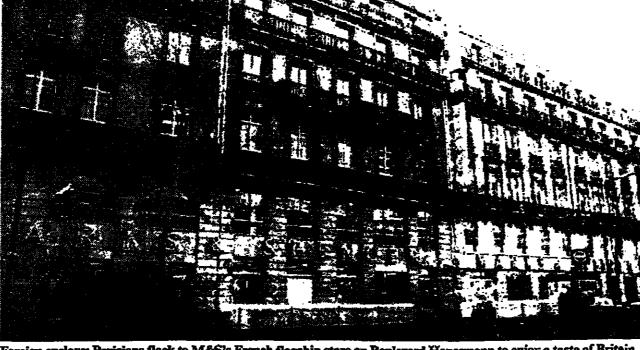
heading for £100 million a and Mr Hayman are particu-year, giving the 48,000 sq ft larly proud. Here, despite the men who are prepared to shop

On the food side, the Haussretailers that it was unlikely to mann store, one of four M&S stores in Paris, has played. cleverly on the international aspect of its offer and is now seen as the poor man's Fauchon, the speciality food store to rival all food stores on Rue de Seze where dressed lobsters (£46 each) nestle between elaborately decorated ducks and huge garlic snails (£16 a kg).
The M&S store offers hu-

mus and taramasolata, Scottish smoked salmon, traditional English biscuits, American cakes and Scottish shortbread, as well as bubble and squeak, chicken tikka and Chinese ribs. It is even attempting to sell microwave oven-ready meals to the

Mr Robert Hayman, the sales manager, says that with more microwave ovens coming into France, the divorce rate rising and more people living alone, M&S ready meals are taking off. The Haussmann store is stronger attempting to sell more chilled.

Although food makes up only 20 per cent of the Haussmann store offer, there among the top 10 M&S stores is more flexibility to offer lines "Le Snack Shop" is a fea-



Foreign enclave: Parisians flock to M&S's French flagship store on Boulevard Haussmann to enjoy a taste of Britain

ditional English sandwiches made in France but with M&S ingredients and to M&S specifications.

Marmalade with whisky and special packs of English tea are unique to M&S's eight French stores. Another special line is muffins which, Mr Hayman says, the French believe the English eat for breakfast. Chocolate chip muffins sell particularly well.

On the fashion side there on ambient food but is are three main differences between Britain and France: colour, timing and size. Mr fitting rooms. French people stand still for two moments a many palette is much stronger and more targeted than in the UK. If we have a colour palette UK. If we have a colour palette is much stronger and more targeted than in the UK. If we have a colour palette is made at the stand still for two moments a many other who m seven colours, we can be really strong on three or four."

Timing of the new season's offer is crucial to the shop's

plethora of crêpe stalls and through the January sales, on a garment, look at the isions have to be taken on baguette booths outside, the French women want to see the seams, examine the buttons French buy Le Breakfast autumn fashions in August and read the washing label. Sandwich (sausage and egg) and the first of the spring and Le Club Sandwich, tra-collection must be in the stores by December.

"They read a lot of fashion magazines and they expect a lot from us," says Mr it is quite exciting."
Hayman. "In the UK cus- On the menswear tomers are easier to please."

British customers tend to be a lot more tolerant." And Mr McDonald adds: "The French love to shop. There is a real buzz in here on a Saturday and

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On the menswear floor, the
British look — Harris tweed
jackets, Argyll socks — is a big

• The French love to shop. There is a real buzz on a Saturday. It is quite exciting 9

would simply try on the clothes in the open.

French women are very

tend to be slightly shorter and seller. The suit business is still slightly bigger than in Britain. being built up but separates The Haussmann store was one of the first M&S stores to have any other M&S shop, if you

One of the store's main demanding when it comes to clothes, says Mr Hayman. ship at Marble Arch. Use of "They examine the stitching space is as innovative but dec- tial difference."

which ranges to promote and gondolas tend to be higher than ideal. But plans are afoot for an extension of the shop.

The biggest worry the team at the Haussmann store faces is transport strikes or storms in the Channel. About 50 per cent of the

food on sale is local but on the fashion side most of the lines come from the normal M&S suppliers in Britain. In general the French retail

scene is much stronger than in Britain with fewer French people owning their own homes and more money spent on fashion and eating out.

Mr Hayman says: "If you cavesdrop on a conversation in Britain you will hear people talking about transport or money. In Paris the conversation is about food and clothes. drawbacks is lack of space. It On a Sunday if a French is considerably smaller than couple go for a walk in the park they dress up. The English dress down. It's an essen-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Allianz raises £270m and pays a bonus

Allianz, the West German insurance group that sponsors English cricket Test matches, is raising DM750 million (£270 million) by a one-for-10 rights issue, heavily discounted

There is a similar rights issue at DM32.50 a share for the profit participation certificates. The annual dividend is unchanged at DM12.00 per share. But the shareholders in Allianz, one of the most powerful insurance groups in Europe, will also receive a special centenary bonus of DN14.00 per

Swiss Bank

The Swiss Bank Corporation's New York branch is to close its securities custody business, cutting 60 jobs during the next 12 months. It is responsible for safekeeping and administering securities. Talks are on with a small number of banks to take over the service. A final selection is expected in the next few weeks. SBC employs 1,500 in the US.

US jobs go at Purchase hits Chestergate

Chestergate, the office-supply group, plunged to a 1901,000 loss, from £1.67 million pre-tax profit, after its purchase of the Gliken Contracts re-fitting business went wrong in the year to October. Chestergate paid £3.5 million for Gilken, and now claims this "substantially over-valued" the firm as promised profits never

Pegasus flies higher

Pegasus Group, the USM accounting software developer and supplies group, lifted pre-tax profits from £1.29 million to £1.34 million in the six mouths to end-January. Earnings per share rose from 15.6p to 16.1p and the interim dividend is improved to 3.5p (3.37p). Turnover, boosted by organic growth and last April's £2.75 million Sphinx acquisition, loubled to £7.83 million.

The software side improved operating profits by 28.6 per cent to £1.25 million. However, Sphinx, a Unix software distributor, made an operating loss of £277,000 on a turnover of £2.81 million. Sphinx's losses, which were about £700,000 a year when it was acquired, have now been reduced to near break-even. The shares slipped by 8p to 375p on the news.

BGas deal

British Gas is making light A Congressional committee of the difficulties it is facing in its acquisition Consumers Gas - Canada's biggest distributor of natural gas. There are two significant regulatory hurdles, approval from Investment Canada and the Ontario Energy Board. The talks and other red tape are likely to last at least six

Long haul for Brierley faces threat in US

on supervision has said that if Industrial Equity (Pacific), whose parent is Brierley Investments, is not registered in the US as an investment company, its activities - such as its 14.9 per cent stake in Commins Engine - may be void and face Securities and Exchange Commission action.

help perestroika

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Western European co-op- tries - said the moves should eratives, led by Britain's Cophelp the Eastern bloc's efforts
op, have launched an into switch to a market econitiative to promote perestroika omy. by giving a helping hand to their counterparts in the East-

The aim is to create stronger trading links between the regions as centralized systems in setting up office in Budapest the Eastern bloc are broken to co-ordinate the initiative, down, as well as to to provide with the main backing coming the Eastern co-operatives with from Britain, Scandinavia and management training and Switzerland. Japan and Israel education in buying, market- are among other Inter-Coop

Sir Dennis Landau, chief executive of Britain's Cooperative Wholesale Society also chairman of Inter-Coop, a 21-member group of central co-operatives from 19 coun-

The drive by Inter-Coop, founded in 1971, will initially be aimed at Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The group is to join the scheme.

tive as a breakthrough in collaboration between consumer co-operatives in part-

Western co-ops to Ridley off to Eastern Europe EC to attack nationalization

By Our Industrial Editor

Eastern Europe prepared to teristically slow payments on offer grants to help increase contracts and increasing contrading opportunities for fusion over setting up Anglo-

payments.

Sir Dennis sees the initia-

Trade department, but more help is being considered, with grant aid seen as a better option than loans because so many existing loans cannot even be serviced on interest

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Ridley when he talks with some anxiety over speculation and Industry Secretary, today
Soviet officials will be the
leaves for a week-long visit to
matters of recent uncharac-

A fund to help with training and other needs in East have complained to the DTI Europe has been set up by the about slow payment and the

Russian joint ventures. Several small companies department is to ask a crosssection of firms trading with the Soviet Union if they have had similar problems.

With joint ventures likely to

that the Soviets will call a halt on such deals until next year because of the extensive procedural changes being made as markets become more open.

Mr Ridley — and 16 executives from leading British companies - will also stress to Eastern ministers the importance of establishing commercial legal frameworks which will allow Western businesses to invest with confidence. There appear to be be a key way in which British doubts over some joint vencompanies will invest in the tures as the legal framework However, priorities for Mr Soviet Union, there has been changes in the Soviet Union.

York, which could include

debt restructuring and asset

From Michael Binyon, Brussels Sir Leon Brittan, the Euro- ment intervention was often a a political choice which ulpean Commissioner for Competition Policy, yesterday gave

a warning that Brussels would take an increasingly tough line over nationalization. The process, he said, was used to prop up ailing industries and covertly funnel

unfair state subsidies to firms that could not make their own way in the market-place. Sir Leon said the Community did not forbid nationalization, and the Treaty of Rome recognized that states could maintain mixed economies.

short-term political reaction timately has to be financed by to save an important company the taxpayer, through a transgoing bankrupt, with indus-trial, social and regional con-citizens to another. sequences. The state sometimes expected these companies to provide uneconomic levels of employment, contribute to regional development or maintain an uneconomic presence in the

ognized as aid, which must be compatible with EC policy.

market-place. Such additional costs had to be clearly rec-

fer of resources from one set of Brussels is developing

guidelines to prepare public companies for the internal market, ensuring they provide a reasonable return and assessing any dividends foregone.

Sir Leon, speaking at a conference on competition in Paris, said EC governments would have to give much fuller standardized annual re-He said: "The provision of ports on nationalized in-

HAMPSHIRE (6) **INCREASED** INTEREST RATES

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Assets threatened by failure to pay \$5m interest

Campeau Corporation may be on the verge of losing more of its large empire.

The troubled Canadian company said this week it had efaulted on \$5.2 million in interest payments to two lenders, risking the loss of sizeable assets, in Canada and the US. The interest payments, due

monthly, were not paid on

Wednesday after being deferred from February 28. Campeau, the Toronto-based parent of Federated Department Stores and Allied Stores, said it would not pay the interest, which it said "constitutes an event of de-

fault under the loans." The loans involved are \$225 million from Olympia & York
Developments and \$480 million from the Edward J
DeBartolo Corp — both leading real estate developers.

Campeau said the lenders agreed in January they would not act to seize collateral for the loans without giving Campeau nine days' notice. White Federated and Allied



Robert Campeau: in default ruptcy proceedings in the US, Campeau is not involved. But analysts said that cash flow to Campeau since the subsidiaries' bankruptcy filing has dwindled.

If DeBartolo moves to seize those assets which act as collateral, it could obtain about 70 per cent of the common stock of Ralphs Supermarkets, a large Californian food chair and 50 res nian food chain, and 50 per cent of its joint-venture While Federated and Allied ownership of five American are both in Chapter II bank-shopping centres. Olympia &

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Campeau defaults on loans Campeau office buildings. A spokesman for Campeau said the company has the funds to pay the monthly interest. However, he added that it was trying to develop a long-term business plan with DeBartolo and Olympia &

He said Olympia & York had agreed to defer the interest payments further on condition that DeBartolo did the same. However, DeBartolo gave no such approval. Campeau said its decision

not to make the interest payments resulted directly from a failure to obtain agreement from DeBartolo on any further deferral. Meanwhile, Mr Robert Campeau, the company's founder and chairman, has

been in default on personal loans to several Canadian ALPHA STOCKS

Stratagem By Jeremy Andrews

The bitterly fought battle be-tween Stratagem, the tiny quoted investment company, and British & Commonwealth

The fight goes on even though Stratagem has de-clared unconditional its £8.2 million offer for Colonnade Development Capital, an investment trust that is managed by B&C.

Mr Bernard Kerrison, over of control.

Stratagem said that it considered that the removal of Mr Richard Wevill and Mr Roy Barber from the board of Colonnade and the fact that Stratagem now owned or had received acceptances for 66.6 per cent of the equity should be sufficient evidence for the remaining members of banks lately, and has had to the board that it could not surrender additional equity to now be said to have the

to fight on

continues

Stratagem's chairman, has written to Colonnade's board to demand an orderly hand-

Times News Service)	support or confi- shareholders.
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Elders places brewery

New York (Renter) - The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 6 points to 2,690.17 in early trading. Share prices followed bonds lower.

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A downturn in the dollar also encouraged the selling. Bonds were depressed by an unexpectedly robust employment report for February, which showed that payrolls expanded by 372,000 — above the estimated rise of 234,000. Unemployment was steady at 5.3 per cent.

● Tokyo — The Nikkei index climbed 302.23 points, or 0.90 per ceut, to 33,993,12. Shares closed broadly higher but well off their morning peaks in

moderate trading.

• Frankfurt - The DAX index closed 2.18 points down at 1,860.92.

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ing loss on his Greene, King

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Body Shop rose 4p to 474p. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker,

says its long-term prospects are exciting. It has downgraded profits for the year just ended from £16

is looking for earnings growth of about 50 per cent for the next two years.

million to £14.5 million, But it

abortive attempt to place the

shares at about the 530p mark

The rest of the equity market ended the account on a

dull note. Prices made a bright

start, helped by a £45 million

programme trade and buying orders on Battery March, the

markets that the Prime Min-

ister was about to announce her resignation - which also

put the skids under the pound. The index closed 15.7 down

at 2,234.3; but this is a fall on

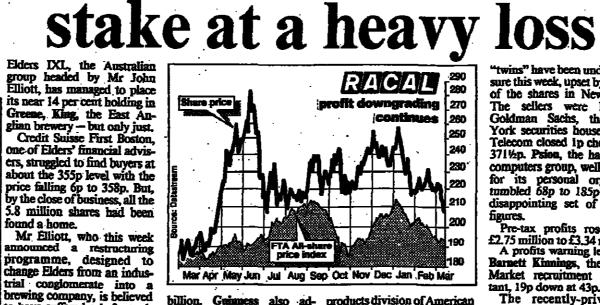
the account of just 2.4 points. The FT index of top 30 shares lost 10.6 to 1,763.8 but was 1.5

points up on the account. A total of 549.1 million shares

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trial conglomerate into a brewing company, is believed to have suffered a hefty tradvanced 4p to 649½p ahead of its full-year figures, expected to show taxable profits up from £521 million to £673 stake. He is thought to have paid more than 400p a share

Still drawing strength from its recent better-than-expected results, GKN strengthened a further 5p to 407p.

British Gas fell 4½p to 210p

on the growing political oppo-sition to its proposed £564 million acquisition of Con-sumers Gas of Toronto. Enterprise Oil was another weak market, losing 17p to 599p on revived talk that ICI is considering selling its 25 per cent holding. Lasmo, 11p lighter at 600p, owns a further 25 per cent of Enterprise. STC firmed 8p to 271½p.

still benefiting from a bullish circular from Kitcat & Aitken, the broker. The shares are due to go ex-dividend on Monday. Also going ex-dividend on Monday is Cadbury Schweppes, 3p dearer at 323p.

New York overnight dealing system. But a lead of 13.3 in the FT-SE 100 index was Reckitt & Colman fell 12%p quickly whittled away by talk in the currency and futures details of its proposed acproducts division of American Home Products for \$1.25

Racal Electronics slipped 3p to 210%p after suffering another profits downgrading. Smith New Court, the broker, met the company on Thurs-day and has decided to cut its estimate by £10 million to £208 million for the year to the end of this month.

It has also reduced its estimate for 1991 by a similar sum to £330 million. Mr Mike Styles, an analyst, blames high interest rates and a dis-appointing performance by its US data communications division where a recent acquisition has failed to live up to expectations. Last week, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the investment bank, reduced its forecast for the current year to

But Mr Styles says that his estimates for Racul Telecom remain unchanged at £160 million for 1990 and £255 million for the year after. He to £11.12 after announcing believes that the long-term outlook for Telecom remains very good." The Racal

sure this week, upset by selling of the shares in New York. The sellers were led by Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house. Racal Telecom closed ip cheaper at 371½p. Psion, the hand-held computers group, well-known for its personal organizer, tumbled 68p to 185p after a disappointing set of annual

Pre-tax profits rose from £2.75 million to £3.34 million A profits warning left ASB Barnett Kinnings, the Third Market recruitment consultant, 19p down at 43p.

The recently-privatized water companies continued to reel from the Government's proposals to ban the dumping of treated and untreated sew age in the North Sea. Dealers fear that the cost of building

British Steel hardened 1/2p the New York securities bouse, rates the shares as a buy and says BS should be able to offset lower British demand with more exports. Goldman expects the share price to grow by at least 50 per cent during the next two

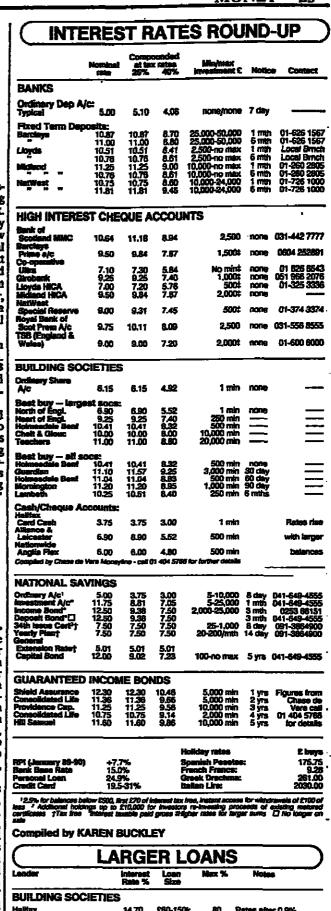
incinerators on land will have to be met by the water companies and could add a further 6 per cent to water rates. Falls were seen in Anglian, 3p to 161p, Northambrian, 3p to 161p, Northambrian, 4p to 168p, North West, 4p to 149p, Severn Trent, 4p to 141p, Southern, 6p to 136½p, South West, 4p to 168½p, Thames, 5p to 148½p, Wessex, 2p to 175p, and Yorkshire, 5p to 175p.

The insurance composites

The insurance composites shrugged-off a dull start, helped by revived bid talk. News of a cash-call by Allianz, the West German financial services group, raised hopes that it may buy a British insurer. A few years ago, it bid for Eagle Star but was beaten into second place by BAT Industries. Guardian Royal Exchange, seen as a possible target, gained 1p to 2281/2p, after 226p. Commercial Union managed to reduce its loss on the day to 5p at 469p, while

General Accident slid 12%p to £10.12 and Royal Insurance cased 2p to 494%p.

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Government securities, reflecting the weaker pound, closed with losses stretching to

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Consultant Training Insurance consultants and advisers may have only four days of training before

EMPLOYERS

Pay Slips Some employers are failing to hand over contributions deducted from the wages of their staff. It may leave the workers unable to claim

HEALTH

Pensioner Relief Insurers are preparing for tax relief on health care cover for the over-60s............. page 3

TRUSTS

Turned off Japan A Far East fund launched today by Touche Remnant will not invest at all in the Japanese markets and instead will concentrate on Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, and

PEPS



Mortgage Famine Pep mortgages were launched with much commissions meant salesmen ignored them and few were increasing and so might their interest

INSURANCE Estate agents face ban on linked sales

ban on the sale of financial services to homebuyers unless they stop high-pressure sales on estate agency to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sir Gordon says measures But he said that if agents homebuyers, by refusing to pass on offers to the vendor unless services are taken up, a total ban on the sale of linked services by agents to buyers of homes they are selling will be

future behaviour such further measures are unnecessary.

Sir Gordon said that tie-in

document on estate agency published last September. "Although there was dispute as to techniques. The warning is the extent of forced services, from Sir Gordon Borne, the Director General of the Office they exist and on a significant of Fair Trading in his report scale. Indeed the consultation exercise provided further evidence as to their prevalence."

He continued: They may impose expensive, long-term to discourage estate agents and unwanted or unnecessary from "pressurizing" buyers burdens on the purchase, and into taking out mortgages and insurance policies through them should be introduced. of all relevant bids."

The report proposes a ban continue to force services on on estate agents discriminating against prospective purchasers who do not buy services from them. Estate agents would also be obliged to tell clients in advance if they intended to sell services to homebuyers, and earn fur-He said: "Such an outcome ther commission on the transwould be highly unwelcome to action, and to detail what the industry. But it is for the services were actually supindustry to prove through its plied. They would also be obliged to pass on all genuine

offers to clients. Estate agents who did not arrangements had proved to comply could be banned from be the most contentions mat- carrying on any estate agency fits of owning them.

Estate agents could face a total ter raised in the consultation work. The OFT considered requiring agents to tell sellers how much they earn in commission on services sold to buyers but decided there would be difficulties because the agent may not know the amount when passing on an offer. It also felt it would not give any extra protection.

The Consumers' Association recently accused estate agents of handicapping buyers who do not use their financial services and of selling the wrong mortgages or unnecessary insurance to housebuyers to earn more commission

Yesterday, Miss Jane Vass, research manager of the association's money group, said she was disappointed estate agents will not have to tell clients they may receive commission for services to

Building societies, insur-ance companies and banks have spent billions of pounds buying and building up estate agencies to sell mortgages and related products to homebuyers. A ban on linked sales would negate the main bene-

Abbey pensions rethink M&S ends interest-free Prudential lost appeal By Barbara Ellis

persuaded many investors to the actuary who spotted one of

Abbey Life this week susnended benefit projections on existing policies and yesterday sent officers of the company to meet regulators at the Life Regulatory Organisation. An Abbey Life spokesman

discuss Lautro's rule on projecting benefits, which he interpretations.

tions made by Abbey Life in Financial Intermediaries the last 18 months may have Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association in Bolton, stay with it, passing up better Lancashire, specializes in opportunities elsewhere, says small, self-administered pension schemes. As part of this work, he advises customers on whether to continue existing

policies or transfer to others. He bases his recommendation on figures supplied by the insurance company, esti-Assurance and Unit Trust mating what the policy will be worth when the holder retires.

said that the meeting was to Mr Douglas Townley, the with a figure of £45,000 for the changed to £20,000.

Overgenerous pension quota- actuary, a member of the value of the fund in 15 years. But later using the charges and expenses that would actually apply, Abbey Life said that the same fund would be worth £20,000.

> "It obviously was lunatic," said Mr Townley. "They were quoting £45,000 on the Lautro basis but only expecting to pay out £20,000." After some discussion and

correspondence, Mr Townley said Abbey Life acknowledged that it had misinterpreted Checking quotations from Lautro's rules and not taken Abbey Life last December, he account of the charges on found that using what was initial capital units which supposedly Lautro's calcula- reduced the end-value of the costs, the company came up revised to £18,000 and then



Classic drive: Mike Crowley, chairman of Appreciating Classics, which admitted this week its projections were not accurate

Forecasts warning for BES investors

By Jon Ashworth

Investors have been warned not to rash into Business Expansion Schemes on the basis of expected profits, amid calls for a clampdown on profit forecasts. The Securities Association, which includes BES sponsors among its members, has amended its rules to help protect investors from potentially misleading forecasts. Other regulators may follow.

TSA said it is introducing the amendments to ensure investors cannot be induced into a BES investment by forecasts of realizable value or other figures or statements which may be misleading. The forecasts include plans,

predictions, projections, or illustrations used to project a future value.

Mr John Spiers, editor of BESt Investment, said the clampdown could encourage many unsponsored BES issues. These can market loans and are not restricted in profit projections.

This week, one unsponsored company

admitted its projections may not be completely accurate. Appreciating Classics, which has already raised almost £150,000 under the BES, has made projections in its prospectus and an accompanying leaflet. It stresses these are for illustrative purposes only and carries several risk warnings. But Mr Ken Ward, a director, said the projections could be wrong and a discrepancy was found after the issue opened.

Appreciating Classics is seeking up to £500,000 under the BES before April 5 towards buying and restoring classic cars. Mr Michael Crowley, the chairman, said: "We will be actively trading in the five years, and trading profits should cover overheads." The launch cost is £21,200, including legal and accountants' fees. Mr Crowley and Mr Ward will draw an annual salary of £24,000 each, and an annual fee of 5 per cent of the increase in revalued net assets, payable in arrears. They have each invested £20,000.

period for charge cards

Marks and Spencer is to scrap than 50 per cent of customers the interest-free period on its clearing their bills each charge card for customers who month. These will not be affdo not pay their bills in full each month. The 26 million cardholders will be told of the change, which comes into effect on April 9, with their March statement.

The move follows the implementation of a £12 a year fee by Lloyds Bank in February for its Access card- from 34.4 per cent to 29.8 per holders. Other card issuers are cent by using the direct debit concerned about the cost of payment facility. But this does lending money to customers who pay nothing in fees for the use of their card and do not before they are due.

Spencer these are the majority which was launched five years of the customers with more ago.

ected by the change as there will be no cut in their interest free credit of up to 56 days.

Those who borrow who currently are charged interest on their statement date will now pay it from the day of the purchase with the card. They can reduce the rate they pay take the monthly payments from bank accounts 15 days

About 16 per cent of M&S

means 'all risks' review A victory for a businessman in Association of British Insurers

the Court of Appeal this week against Prudential Assurance could lead insurers to add more exclusions to policies.

Mr Mustafa Sofi of London will now be paid £43,175 which he claimed after iewellery and luggage was stolen from his car when it was left at Dover Castle four years ago. The jewellery had been locked in the glove compartment but the insurance company had claimed that it was not liable to compensate him under his "all risks" home contents policy or his travel insurance because he had not taken "reasonable steps" to safeguard the insured items.

A spokesman for the on sale.

said the case set a precedent. "It is likely to lead to more exclusions of specific events such as leaving valuables in unattended motor vehicles. These will be spelt out in policy documents so that

policyholders are under no

illusions as to when their

property is covered and when "The alternative will be for companies to charge a higher rate for specified expensive items taken on holiday such as

cameras," he added. But he said it was too late for any changes to be im-plemented for this year's holiday policies, which are already

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Just an annual snapshot

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pany - it needs to diversify," he said. But the low

cost/income ratio of 45.2 per

cent is good news compared

with the average for other

banks of 65 per cent. This

means for every pound earned by Abbey National, 45p goes

in expenses, against 65p at the average bank. Bank of Scot-

land, reckoned to be the most

last at 75p.

Cashing in on separate taxation

comes into force on April 6, married women will have their own tax allowance, and, for the first time, will be able to use

it against income from savings. This will mean that married women who do not go out to work and are non-taxpayers will be able to claim back tax deducted from mit

However, where their savings are in a bank or a building society, married women will not be able to reclaim tax

deducted, because this is deducted in the form of composite rate tax (CRT), which cannot be reclaimed.

There is a growing campaign from allding societies and banks for CRT to

The societies fear that funds will flood out of their accounts to unit trusts and offshore companies and they want CRT replaced by deduction of basic rate tax.

Existing Gartmore investors will be

able to use the CashCall service to make

transfers from other unit trusts into the CashTrust, and when they return to

be scrapped in the Budget.

upgrading branches.

inside 2

Barbara Ellis

is the day line

takes the latest

Abbey National report and

accounts to task

Judging a company from its annual report is rather like picking a job candidate on the basis of a flattering photo-graph and a carefully composed curriculum vitae alone.

The information presented has definite limitations, as 4.1 million Abbey National shareholders are about to find out for the first time.

Abbey has chosen to send out the full version of its report, combining a mostly large-print, simplified section which has won a plain English award and an accounts section which has not.

What most investors want to know about shares is what sort of dividend they will pay and whether the price will be going up or down.

A dividend is fact - 5.7p per share from Abbey — but as it is illegal for companies to pro-mote their own shares, future mote their own shares, future the company's position in the prices have to be guessed at savings and home loans marfrom pointers scattered through the report.

Signs of growth should For analysts like Mr David eventually lead to a higher Poutney of James Capel, the share price, but only if the broker, these basic facts inshare price, but only if the broker, these basic facts in- Mr Andrew Dennis, an Poutney, "You can't company spends wisely. Ab- dicate some dangers. With analyst with Chase Man- past, only the finture."

A cash unit trust giving investors a monthly interest statement will be launched by Gartmore Fund Managers on Monday in preparation for independent taxation, which comes into force next month (Lindsay Cook writes).

CashTrust will invest in accounts with

the major banks, and, although basic rate tax will be deducted from the dividends, it

The estimated gross yield for the fund is 15.05 per cent, which is equivalent to

14.1 per cent for non-taxpayers after the annual charge is deducted. The return

would currently work out at 10.58 per cent for basic rate taxpayers, but will

Like other cash funds, the high return is available on investments of £500 and

there is no initial charge. Investors will

receive a mouthly statement showing the interest accumulated in that mouth,

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Under independent taxation, which

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bey handily breaks out some close to £1 billion cash from key business facts which sup-

The company raised £965 million from its share offer and its operating expenses came to 45.2 per cent of total operating income. The report also records non-

banking losses: £16 million on the £45 million turnover at estate agencies and £1 million on the £25 million turnover of Abbey National Homes. On future activities, the

directors talk of strengthe kets and expanding personal financial services.

contrasts Abbey's "clean" balance sheet with those of the big four high street banks, eaming it is free of Third World debt provisions.

Despite the chatty tone of its report, Abbey has become more selective in the information it gives this year, keeping back some for analysts as companies usually do.

Last year, for example, it gave full figures on mortgage arrears: 13,893 mortgages were more than three months in arrears, valued at £21 million or 0.08 per cent of the mortgage book. Repossessed properties totalled 1,696.

But this year, the annual report said: "A doubling of its float, Abbey National has to avoid a TSB-style spending interest rates has meant the number of people that have makers. He notes with apdifficulty meeting their mortgages has increased. But the increase at Abbey National has been moderate." "A weakness is that it is

The Abbey told analysts privately that properties repossessed had risen from 1,696 at the end of 1988 to 1,724 at the end of 1989.

An Abbey National spokes-man told Family Money that the number of mortgages in arrears by more than three months had risen to 16,000, worth £30 million, or 0.095 per cent of the mortgage book.

efficient, is at 55p and TSB "An annual report is only ever a snapshot," said Mr Poutney, "You can't buy the

There have, so far, been surprisingly few UK authorized unit trusts launched

to take advantage of independent taxation, although there are a number of offshore funds, which deduct no tax.

Mr Peter Pearson Land, managing director of Gartmore Fund Managers,

said: "The world has very much woken

up to separate taxation. It is a shame that the unit trust industry has not. The vast

majority of building society investors will be reluctant to put their money offshore." The first cash fund, by Fidelity, stands at £40 million. Fidelity's Miss Mary

Blair said: "It has grown quite rapidly in the last three months, with quite a lot of

not a normal source of funds."

ey coming via accountants, who are

Cash funds are likely to take a while to catch on, she believes. Midland Bank, the Savings Corporation and Providence

Capitol have already launched UK authorized money unit trusts.

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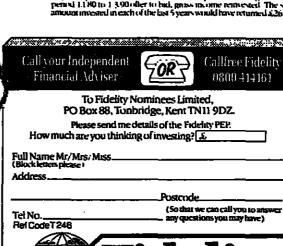
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Suited for sophisticated Sid

By Redney Hobson

The great wider share ownership campaign is set to end. If their brokers a Stock Exchange committee gets its way, future emphasis will be on deeper share ownership; Sids will grow in The aim is to make the issuing of shares cheaper, faster and more flexible. The proposed changes will give advantages to private investors who have

Property Company.

in both, for BES relief.

a steady relationship with

The plans have been given a favourable viewing by the Stock Exchange Council and the report has been sent to sophistication, not numbers. brokers and other interested parties for comment over the next two months. After that, new regulations will be drawn

up.
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three tier system for new issues. These would allow companies making a new issue of shares to choose whether to place them with favoured investors or offer them to the general public.

Small issues - the com-

mittee suggests up to £10 million — could be placed in their entirety with existing clients of brokers, with no obligation to offer any to the public. Medium-sized issues — between £10 and £20 million - could be split, with the excess of more than £10 million offered publicly or placed through all exchange

For larger issues, up to half the shares could be placed. Companies currently seeking a full stock market listing can place up to £15 million worth of shares. For the USM, the limit is £5 million. The key factor in the scheme is the new concept of an "intermediaries offer," a kind of halfway house

general offer. Brokers will apply for shares on behalf of clients. Banks and building societies will also be encouraged to participate, but those who run an active portfolio will stand most chance of an allocation.

Mr Graham Ross Russell the committee chairman, said "I would like to see every high street bank branch having someone who can advise on stock exchange matters."

The advantage of placing shares or offering them through brokers is that the process is quicker. That means there is less chance of a stockmarket surge or collapse between fixing the offer price and the closing date for applications. Underwriting costs could be cut because speed reduces risks.

Share offers by companies seeking a stock market listing cannot be seen as the main vehicle for taking the process of wider share ownership much further now the privatbetween a placing and a ization programme is largely complete, the committee re-ports. If shareholdings are to be spread more widely, that will have to come through trading on the stock market

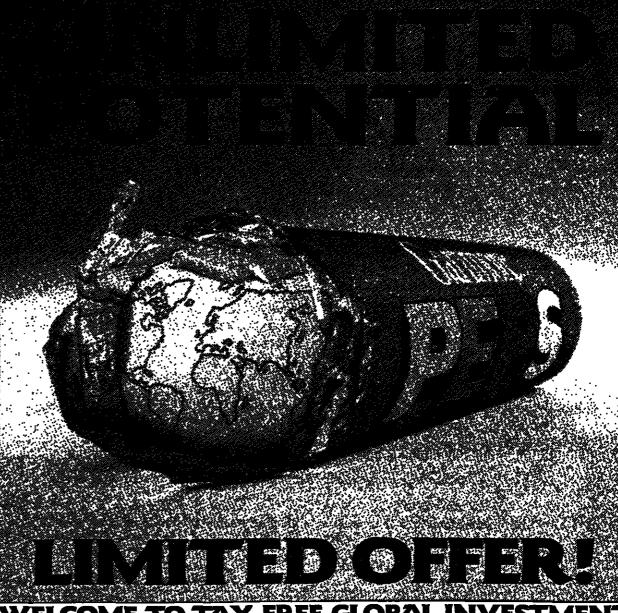
> Mr Ross Russell added: "So many of the 11 million shareholders don't know what a stockbroker is. We need to reduce the mystique that surrounds stockbrokers. What we need now is not wider share ownership, but deeper share ownership."

He does make one concession to unsophisticated Sid, though. The requirement that the full prospectus must be published in two national newspapers would go.
Companies would be ex-

pected to use the cash saved to print mini-prospectuses in a wider range of newspapers. Companies would be able to print the share application coupons, so beloved by Sid, more widely, Mr Ross Russell

The report was welcomed by Mr Edgar Palamountain, chairman of the Wider Share Ownership council. He said: They are a contribution to reducing the complication and expense of new issues. That is obviously to the advantage of all shareholders, whether institutional or private."

Mr Palamountain said the impression that small or private investors were concerned mainly with new issues had been fostered by the privatization campaign, but wider share ownership could also come through trading on the



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Several insurance companies have decided it is too risky to insure some Sellafield and other nuclear workers through their "dread disease" policies. These pay out a lump sum on the diagnosis of a critical illness, such as cancer, heart attack, coronary heart disease, stroke, kidney failure and illnesses requiring an organ transplant. Some policies also insure the policyholder against multiple scier-osis and paralysis through disease or accident.

Abbey Life, Cannon Lin-coln, Legal and General, and General Accident, all say they would refuse to insure some BNF employees against dread

Mr Peter Baxter, Abbey Life product marketing manager, about the chances of BNF sea divers may suffer from cover.

A view from the hill: Sellafield, where some workers have been refused cover against hardship said it would give each application individual consideration. "There would be jobs employees developing cancer. Mr Tony O'Leary, manager of UK underwriting for Victory that we would accept and jobs Insurance said: People who that we would not," he said. are involved in the nuclear fuel industry at the moment

The acceptable jobs are largely desk and clerical jobs, unacceptable ones include do not present a major working directly with nuclear He said Victory would look at the most recent statistics for cancer among such employees Legal and General have a before deciding to reinsure similar attitude. Mr Dennis dread disease policies or Smith, protection marketing

manager says L&G would

probably make more strenu-

ous checks on a person working for BNF. "If someone was similarly unwilling to provide handling a toxic substance day dread disease cover for several by day we would probably decline the case."

People working with asbes-However, reinsurance comtos and miners are considered anies who take on some of the risk for insurance com-panies are less pessimistic various lung diseases. Deep

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strokes, air bubbles in their blood systems and other problems related to compression. North Sea oil and gas

workers, steeplejacks, Northern Ireland security guards, prison officers and tunnel workers are all likely to be refused dread disease cover or to have permanent total disability cover excluded from the

And even those readers who have desk jobs with no expoadvising life companies to sure to toxic substances may not be eligible for total dread disease cover if they have a penchant for some sporting activities.

> Tobogganists, parachutists, white water rafters, and mountaineers are among those who are likely to be refused permanent disability

The cost of 'doing a favour

By Jon Ashworth

stopped from taking on new ss as part of an insurance industry clampdown after the closure of Garston Amhurst, the tied agent.

The three firms, which are appointed representatives of National Financial Manage-ment Corporation, a subsidiary of Target, the life assurance company, have been banned from entering into new business for the group. The Life Assurance and

Unit Trust Regulatory Associ-

ation (Lautro), the industry log, ordered National Financial not to accept new pusiness after the three companies failed a financial audit. They are Guardian Investents of St John's Road, Glasgow; Ideal Nippy trading as SKP Financial Services, of Camden Road, north London, and UK Alliance Financial nt of Matthew

audit all its 88 appointed as provisional liquidator. Al- he had done some friends a charged with fraud.



Head office: the building that houses SKP's operation

representatives by March and though only authorized to sell inspection by May 1. Garston Amhurst, with offices in London and Bristol was closed in January when the Securities and Investments Board ob-

to carry out a compliance NFMC products - like all tied representatives - Garston

UK Alliance Financial Man- new rules, members will have

cheques through my secondary money was involved. If I have a spare account and decide to help someone as a favour, that's my business."

"There is a slight smell of possibly a witch-hunt here. Lautro has got a job to do, but I've been told: 'You're guilty prove yourself innocent' - it creates a bad image."

Lautro said a drive to clear up its members was pl**anned** last October. "It is now a rule requirement that all our members will have to do proper checks on controllers, managers and the like," a spokesman said, "Garston Amhurst has been a lesson to them all and we are spelling out the need to check management."

In the past, members have looked at the credit records of tied agents without checking Mr Joe Ritchie, a director of their backgrounds. Under the Lautro ordered NFMC to appoint the Official Receiver audit on a minor point. He said representative has ever been



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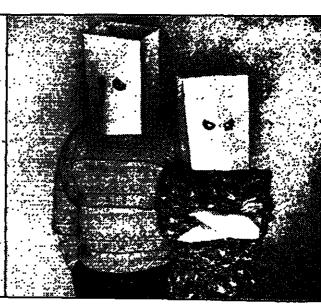
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This also applies to estate agents selling endowment policies to cover mortgages or building society or bank employees selling life assurance or pensions. Any knowledge of insurance policies, tax laws and other legislation has to be picked up on the job or during in-house training, whose quality and quantity varies widely from company

But this could change next month when the Securities and investments Board, the insurance watchdog, publishes a report on education and training for salesman. It looks likely to recommend that anyone selling investment products to the public must have passed a basic minimum competence test.

Members of the public, particularly those who have been badly advised and pushed into buying unsuitable insurance policies, may feel this is long overdue. But the Office of Fair Trading is continuing to oppose any move towards compulsory competence testing on the grounds that it would be anticompetitive to force would-be

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test. "We would not like to see tests of competence restricting entry to the industry," said an OFT spokesman. But the OFT may back down and is prepared to consider a competence test that is not too

The Consumers' Association is also doubtful about the need for what will probably be too basic a test to have

"We are not convinced that compulsory competence testing is a necessity," said Miss Jane Vass, research manager of the money group at the Consumers' Association. "We want to see insurance com-

sibility for their agents. And in the January 1990 issue of having a qualification does not necessarily mean good

ation is still concerned about the training offered by some life companies, building societies and banks. Large institutions have so far resisted pressure for a compulsory competence test to be taken by all salesman, preferring to offer their own. The Consumers Association found that some salesmen were allowed to sell investment products to the public after only four days'

training which concentrated mostly on selling techniques.

Which?, the Consumers Association magazine, that "it was possible to be let loose on the public as advisers with minimal knowledge of the Financial Services Act or of the different financial products. The name of the game was clearly sell, sell,"

Insurance companies are responsible for the comnetence of their agents but some offer hardly any training at all while others take trainexpects all its company representatives to have passed the Chartered Insurance InstitMr Nick Hindley, sales development consultant at the Norwich Union described as the most basic qualification anyone involved with financial services should have."

Others such as Allied Dunbar and Equitable Life have in-house training courses but training of company representatives is generally patchy. Independent financial

edvisers are not allowed to sell investments under the Finanhave been authorized as "fit and proper" by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Associ-ation (Fimbra) or the Insurance Brokers Regulation Council (IBRC). But "fit and proper" does not include passing a competence test.

"A competence test would be in addition to our already stringent vetting procedure," said a Fimbra spokesman. Itis pushing for a compulsory competence test for all salesmen - tied or independent.

Some insurance salesmen already have a qualification from a training body such as the Chartered Insurance Institute, the Life Insurance Association or the College for Financial Planning.

"You might strike lucky and find someone with the right qualifications. It is not enough for someone to say they are Fimbra-registered, said Mr John Ellis, director of communications at the Life Insurance Association. "We ing seriously. Norwich Union have had complaints of cushas recently announced that it tomers being offered unsuitable products which, for example, left them paying tax they would not otherwise be

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DSS bends the rules for victims of PAYE pirates

By Barbara Ellis

Companies that fail to pass on tax and National Insurance to the Inland Revenue and the eartment of Social Security

But directors can face at the least a hefty bill for past salary so long as they could contributions and at worst prove they had been led to disqualification and prison.

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Jon Ashworth on a move that will not make bank accounts healthier

Price rises pinch health tax perk for the over-60s

preparing for April 6, when anyone aged over 60 will be able to claim tax relief on their health insurance. The change could shave £100 or more off the cost of annual premiums. but the growing expense of private health insurance makes the incentive look less attractive.

BUPA is waiting for final Inland Revenue approval for its plans, which will save tax for its 200,000 plus customers aged over 60 on its books. Private Patients Plan (PPP), which has 160,000 customers aged 60 or more, has two plans aimed at the elderly market, while Western Provident Association (WPA), the third largest provider, has com-pletely revamped its range of

of £225.72. From next month, even with 25 per cent tax relief, the same premium will be more than £290. Without relief, it would be £387.

A BUPA spokesman said payments. WPA, which is

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Easing the pain: the tax relief will belp, but the higher cost of insurance premiums will hurt

the cost of premiums had been rising by about 10 per cent a year. An information centre was launched six weeks ago to help elderly customers with Cedar, and uses postcodes as a jungle of rates and scales, and any tax queries. The tax relief guide to pricing. will be deducted at source, like the Miras system which de- the full cost of the treatment

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Credit is a young man's game

By Lindsay Cook

A survey carried out by the Halifax Building Society ques-tioned retired people and those coming up to retirement about their attitudes to money and saving and found that the majority would not borrow if they needed money for an unexpected expense.

More than 60 per cent said that borrowing was "completely out of the question with the elderly retired coming out most strongly against credit, feeling they could not afford the repayments and disapproved of borrowing.

Only 10 per cent said they would be happy to borrow if it was for something they really

The pre-retireds are most willing to borrow for essentials or in an emergency with 42 per cent saying they would, com-pared with 29 per cent for early retired and 21 per cent for elderly retired.

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TR turned off the Japanese market

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experienced investors who able for more aggressive investment and should aim to Mr John Gittings, managing director of Touche Remnant Unit Trust Management.

for the Pacific markets. They could be the Japan of the Thailand was not available charge is 1.5 per cent.

today by Touche Remnant will and Taiwan are still not properly open to investors.

"This is not a sensible market for a conservative or income-oriented investor. There are plenty of health and wealth warnings attached as some of the individual markets are very volatile, he added. Mr Gittings said it should

not account for more than a 5 have sufficient capital avail- to 10 per cent of an investor's portfolio and because of this stay in the market for five to £500. This will allow an 10 years. "It is certainly not investor with £10,000 a modest for widows and orphans," said holding in the Pacific markets.

The new fund will be managed by Mr Michael Watt, who also manages TR Pacific Investment Trust. Over the two years to December 31 it was up 210 per cent. The Mesand we aim to have an initial charge on the new fund actively-managed portfolio. is 5.25 per cent and the annual

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Since then, however, very w Pep mortgages have been ld. In a flat housing market, me Pep managers have latebeen trying to woo salesmen matching the fat commison available on endowments sometimes to the disivantage of homebuyers.

Norwich Union's Pep mortige launched last week can ivest either a minimum of 50 a month in the company's K Equity Income Trust or a 200-a-month minimum in a ortfolio of shares chosen by te company.

To repay a £60,000 loan ver 25 years, a 29-year-old ran would need to pay £56 a nonth into the Norwich Inion unit trust Pep, paying nother £13.80 for level-term

The salesman would collect 64.43 "indemnity" comnission up front for selling the ep. covering the first four ears, then £20.16 annually.

For selling the term assurance, the would pick up another 185.25 at the outset and £4 a ear after two years. This total ront-end commission of £250 ompares with roughly £600 ayable for selling an endow-

> Mr Martin Campbell, of £528. t i lave tried to put together a ackage we feel is fair to the first 14 months as a loyalty lient but caters to a reasonbonus, but only when enough

able degree to the intermedi-He stressed that all the homebuyer's money would go into the Pep immediately - apart from the 6 per cent initial charge on the unit trust.

The annual management With Sun Life, however, the monthly payment on £60,000 mortgage Pep £65.98, but it is 14 months before any money goes into

the plan. Mr Keith Middleton explained that in effect the salesman gets the first six months' payments as commission of £396, while the

company keeps the other

Sun Life promises to return the full £933 paid in during the

money to repay the full mort- ing of its unit trust Pep, a loan gage has accumulated in the

has a "non-investment" period of roughly nine months, clearly flagged in its literature, according to the firm's Mr Simon Pannett.

The investor pays £58.90 towards a £60,000 Pep mortgage but in the first year the salesman can take £400 of that. However, salesmen can also choose to take no commission or just 3 per cent from Dominion and give the investor a shorter time without

Norwich Union, Sun Life and Dominion all offer a Pep only, expecting the homebuyer to take out an interestonly loan elsewhere. annually, plan holders pay a 0.5 per cent annual Pep

Morgan Grenfell originally offered a package deal consist-

charge. Salesmen collect just the routine unit trust commission of 3 per cent, paid half-yearly in arrears.

NEL Britannia's main Per mortgage package invests £40 a month in a MIM Britannia TaxeAxe unit trust, assuming 13 per cent annual growth to reach just over £60,000 after

It includes term assurance which would cost a man of 29 £14.71 and permanent health assurance of £10.26. Salesmen get nothing on the term assurance or PHI and just 3 per cent plus 0.5 per cent renewal commission on the unit trust.

The Bradford & Bingley Building Society sells a branded Pep mortgage only through its own branches. Mr Mark Gerdis, Pep manager said: "There's no meat in Peps ommission to intermedi aries." The society will supply an interest-only loan as part of a Pep package, charging its normal mortgage rate.

The monthly Pep pay on a £60,000 mortgage is £55. The Bradford & Bingley takes £1.92 out of that and also makes a 0.5 per cent annual charge on the plan.

from MLA that Morgan Grenfell was offering. Now, the bank provides the Pep only. The money goes into a James Capel unit trust at a Although Morgan Grenfell negotiated price - the bid price plus 2 per cent brokerage

which is lower than the had more than 1,000 inquiries its Pep mortgage last March, it has since sold just 250 at an average of £60,000 each, totalusual offer price investors pay. James Capel's annual charge on the unit trusts is 1.25 per

> The Bradford & Bingley has sold about 1,000 plans at an average of £47,000. Mr Gerdis said that the typical Pep mortgagor is a 35-year-old professional man living in the South-east, contrasting sharp ly with the 55-year-old Northern housewives who hold most of the society's Peps

Portfolio

PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 25).

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Our regret over charity unease

From Mr Michael Brophy ir, I am writing to express my egret that, as reported in your olumns on February 17, we ave caused charities a lot of nease in our attempts to get charge 5 per cent on the majority of donations with a min-Deduction Scheme on a sound

exercise of mind, we are now impum even if the Chancellor

cause of their concern as

We will continue as now to imum charge of 25p per month and a maximum of £2. For the record and for their The latter will still be the max-

modifying the proposals introduces a new £1,200 ceilwhich have been the main ing in his Budget statement.

There will, therefore, be no attempt on our part to introduce a minimum donation level of £5 per month. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BROPHY, Charities Aid Foundation,

Where is fairness in being doubly penalized?

ir, Your readers will have purpose-built development Community Charge is that it een amused by Mr Durrant's for retired people, and has so is fairer, and that democratic for proved impossible to sell.

The discounter with the Community It is empty and attracts no hanced if all voters have to

There seems no end to the recentricities and anomalies if the Charge and its applicaion. My own experience, unfortunately, will prove - nore costly.

As a consequence of my mother's death last year, I am is the owner of a flat in south-: ∃ast Essex. The flat is in a

However, from April 1, I will be required to pay a full Community Charge. More distressingly, if it is still unsold by the end of June, I will be required to pay a double Community Charge

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Hemingway and the Godfather



t was an odd christening party that met before vespers at the little American church in the Latin Quarter of Paris, one day in March 1924. The baby's parents wore threadbare clothes but had an air of exceptional vitality and confidence. The mother was tall, auburn-haired, not strikingly beautiful but frank and gentle. The father had a wide face glowing with health and the build of a boxer, and carried himself with an almost swaggering

The godparents stood on either side of them. The godmother was a stocky Jewish woman, dressed with resolute parsimony. But she had a compelling air of authority, and ensured that her contempt for the proceedings was apparent by interrupting the minister with loud, uncomprehending questions.

The godfather was a British infantry officer, spruce, lean and gangling, with buck teeth, a pencilline moustache and a double-barrelled name. Eric Dorman-Smith — "Chink" to his friends — was a Catholic at this Episcopalian service, and it was only because he had imposed his will on this party of strong characters that the baby was being baptized at all.

The christening of Ernest and Hadley Hemingway's first son was one of the more curious episodes in the 1920s, that legendary era. The brusquely unmaternal godmother was Gertrude Stein. James Joyce's shy teenage son Giorgio played the organ, and the baby's middle name, Nicanor, was given in honour of a Spanish bullfighter.

Dragged unwillingly to the font by his upper-crust friend Chink, Hemingway had decreed perversely that Chink's Catholicism ruled out a Catholic ceremony, and that a Jewish ceremony was equally debarred by Gertrude Stein's origin, as well as by surgical considerations. So they had compromised on American Episcopalianism as the affiliation with the fewest dogmatic strings attached. Afterwards they toasted the infant's future with champagne and sugared almonds in Stein's flat, hung with outrageous daubs by a Spaniard called

Chink, at the heart of the international bohemian world, was a figure as incongruous as David Niven strolling into a novel by Dostoyevsky. Most of the British officer class in the 1920s lived in a universe hermetically separate from the rootless, cre-

Eric 'Chink' Dorman-Smith, in real life a brave soldier turned 'renegade',

was the model for the archetypal hero in many of Hemingway's books.

George Hill tells the poignant story of their long and remarkable friendship

ative, self-destructive circle of the "lost generation".

Hemingway had a lasting admiration for his friend and repeatedly wove elements of him into his fictions over more than 30 years. But Chink's real life-story, told in full for the first time by Lavinia Greacen in a book to be published this month, is, in its way, a stranger and more poignant tale than anything the novelist made of it.

Dorman-Smith's intrigued, ironic dips into the milieu of cubism and modernism were only hotidays from a stormy professional career, in which he eventually rose to exercise a brilliant and crucial role as a general in the North African battles against Rommel's panzers, only to suffer sudden exclusion and humiliation at the height of the conflict.

Deeply resentful, he retreated to his down-at-heel stately home in Ireland, and changed the "Smith" in his name back to "O'Gowan", its ancestral Irish equivalent. Always an opponent of the partition of Ireland, he became a clandestine republican partisan, allowing the IRA to train on his land and dabbling in dreams of gallant, although preferably blooders, op-

erations across the border.

While the once-penniless American writer went on to earn world fame and a Nobel Prize, the ex-general came to be seen by many of his former comrades as an embittered renegade. But it is arguable that he bore the penalties of failure with greater resilience than Hemingway endured the stresses of success. The two men

kept in touch cordially to the end. This in itself would mark Chink out as remarkable. It was a rare achievement to survive as a long-standing friend of Ernest Hemingway. Behind that famous façade of virile staunchness there always lurked a feline impulse for betrayal. Hemingway could sustain comradeship only where his obsessively competitive nature did not sense rivalry, and where he was not chafed by a sense of obligation. Rivals and benefactors were marked out to be bullied, lurt and ridiculed.

Dangerously, the relationship began as one of hero-worship. Chink had had a hard time in the First World War, serving in the trenches from the start, being wounded and decorated more than once, and ending with a scathing centempt for the unimaginative Allied leaders who had won victory at such a price in blood. In the last months of the war he was sent, convalescent, still aged only 24, to command the British troops in Milan.

On the day the war in Italy

On the day the war in Italy ended, another convalescent limped into the Anglo-American Club on crutches: Hemingway, then 19 years old. All agog to see war for himself, he had signed on with the Red Cross as an ambulance driver, and had reached the north Italian front just in time to be blown up by an Austrian bomb, and machine-gunned as he courageously carried an injured

man to safety.

It was a creditable exploit, and it became more creditable the way he told it. He was never one to let fact cramp a tale of his own true

'He had been my best friend and then our best friend for a long time. He takes care of us' grit. But he recognized Chink as the genuine article: the battle-hardened professional accustomed to command, independent-minded and cultivated, yet imbued through and through with the instincts of the officer caste, a figure straight out of Kipling. He attached himself to Chink, memorized his anecdotes, studied his mannerisms, imitated his clipped tones, and made sure that they did not lose touch when they parted.

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A tag that Chink mentioned in Milan stuck in the younger man's mind for the rest of his life. In Henry IV, Part 2, Shakespeare touchingly puts words of unaffected valour into the mouth of a feeble rapscallion being conscripted for war. "By my troth, I care not. A man can die but once. We owe God a death . . He that dies this year is quit for the next." This was to become a sort of talisman for the writer, expressing the fortitude — "grace under

pressure" — that he most admired. In 1921, they met again in Paris, and for a few years a truly blithe friendship followed. Hemingway was married by now. Sometimes with Hadley and the baby, sometimes with Hemingway's rivals in the quest to write the Great American Novel and outface the Great American Hangover, they spent their holidays hunting, fishing, skiing, bragging, boozing, joking and philosophizing their way round Europe on a shoestring.

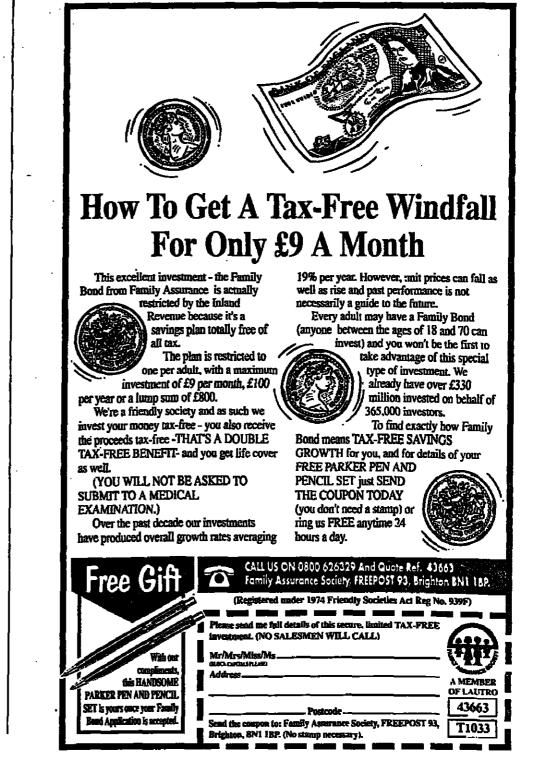
cmingway would show his work in progress to Chink, who had an instinctive eye for the straightforwardness the writer was struggling to achieve, and the candour of a friend whose ambitions were not literary

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Shoulder to shoulder, Chink and Hem carried an exhausted Hadley through the snowdrifts over the St Bernard Pass. They dodged the lunging horns of the running bulls in Pamplona, on a journey which Hemingway promptly wrote up, under thin disguise, for The Sun Also Rises, his first major success.

They tramped through the mountains between Spain and France, staying in filthy taverns, where the Americans yielded at night to mass assaults from "the fleas that tease in the high Pyreenes", while Chink, who had learned about bugs in the trenches, sat fully dressed in a chair all night, declaring that it did not behave an officer of the Crown to submit to the enemy. In his book,

Time: literary Paris, March 1924. Place: the English bookshop at 12 rue de l'Odéon.
Scene: the christening party for Hemingway's baby, "Bumby".
Cast, from left to right: writer Gertrude Stein and her companion Alice B. Toklas,
Sylvia Beach, the owner of Shakespeare and Company,
Hadley Hemmingway, Ernest Hemingway, Eric "Chink" Dorman-Smith and James Joyce



THE NED SHERRIN COLUMN

Side by aside by Sondheim enice here I come, courtesy of the Orient Express. The lead up chimes with a scheme William Goldman and Rob Reiner have been nurturing. They will go ahead to my getaway was hectic. On Monday I together. The audience bombarded the

dress-rehearsed Tom Conti as Jeffrey Bernard, chaired Stephen Sondheim's question-andanswer session at the National, and got back to the Apollo in time to see Tom enjoying his first night.

Professor Sondheim had been in avuncular, beard-tugging form in the crowded Olivier auditorium.

Business is burgeoning.
Sunday in the Park with George was previewing in the Lyttelton, albeit a bit behind schedule ("it'll be better when they can see the stage"); Into the Woods is gearing up for the Old Vic; a new show, Assassins, an everyday story of eight who tried to bump off presidents of the United States, with a "highly political" book by John Weidman, rehearses for Broadway in the fall; Merrily We Roll Along revised for an older cast has conquered Washington and is New York-bound; a fifth musical (book by Terence McNally) waits in the wings; Sondheim's writing yet another song for Madonna in Warren Beatty's Dick Tracy; and, perhaps most intriguing, an idea he has had for some time for an original movie musical roughly

professor on his alleged disapproval of Lorenz Hart, his resistance to opera, his use and non-use of obscure Japanese instruments in Pacific Overtures, his feelings about overblown musicals and Andrew Lloyd Webber, and whether the priest song in Sweeney Todd is "Too Many Mornings" from Follies speeded up. This came as news to

Admitting that if he stole from anyone he preferred it to be himself, he quoted Lillian Hellman, once accused of finding blackmail indispensable to every plot. "Young man," she told her questioner, "I shall not sleep tonight." But the professor showed no signs

of insomnia. There were only two silly questions. Which of his own songs was his favourite? And what was he up to with Barbra Streisand?

TUESDAY WAS the only day I could get down to Somerset to rescue a few things from my brother Alfred's farmhouse before he retires on Lady Day. We have been there since 1934. David Sedgman, the

new man, is already ploughing up fields I walked in or worked on as a child. I had a last look at evocative acres with names like Larkswhistle, Stockwell, Ploughmeads, Copythorn and Langlands.

A catalogue advertises "Highly Attractive and Genuine Dispersal Sale of Three Tractors, Toyota Land Cruiser, Farm Machinery, implements and effects". They were lined up in the Home Field. Harrows, cultivators, scythes and sickles rubbed blades with a sheep foot-bath, two of Lampert of Somerton's finest tipping trailers and old cider barrels.

There was a group called "Bygones", now good museum fodder but mostly implements with which I can claim first-hand acquaintance from my childhood. There was the "twin-screw Cider Press c/w frame", a "Day of Mark" Apple Mill, a winnowing machine, the "Long Single Twin-Furrow Horse-Drawn Match Plough, with press wheel" with which Herbie Bown used to win ploughing matches,

guiding Jolly the chestnut cart-horse, or Captain Bonny or Prince (various shades of black and grey). They would return festooned with rosettes attached to the shining brasses on their polished harness.

The bean droppers, the bull tether and the hay sweep stood alongside the hay elevator, which the farm men christened "Ned" because I could not lift the bales and invariably had recourse to it.

My brother unearthed a copper plate inventory of the last Sherrin sale on my grandfather's death in 1903. Same auctioneers. Some of the bygone items appear in it, bought in then by an uncle. The bean dropper fetched six shillings, the apple mill five, and the winnowing machine three guineas. I hope Alfred does better.

TWO PIECES of unfinished business. Sally Burton writes further to illuminate Richard's rugby career.

At Oxford he spent most of his spare time "totting his way into the OUDS"; but in the RAF "... his

CO was a rugby fanatic and his prowess got him out of various scrapes and into a cushy posting — education and vocational officer, RAF Compton Bassett", where "he

did little else but play rugby".

Bleddwyn Williams, in his autobiography, wrote: "Had Richard's career taken a different turn he might well have played for Wales." In this connection Brook Williams always claimed that when Bled-dwyn's book was taken off the shelf, it automatically fell open at the page on which Richard was mentioned so favourably. "Brook once put this to Richard, who hotly denied it. However, Richard went to the bookshelf, took out the book and, to his lasting delight, discovered that Brook was right."

And more on the Brains Trust. Nest Cleverdon reminds me that her husband, Douglas, "was one of the original producers at the beginning of the war - they put him in to make it reasonably 'intelligent', and Howard Thomas, then a variety producer, to make it 'amusing'. They loathed each other ... Douglas wanted Huxley with Joad as an irritant (which indeed he was).

"Thomas found Campbell . . . in

those days they had a luncheon at the Cafe Royal before the programme, and when approached about taking part Evelyn Waugh sent a telegram saying, "Will take part provided need not meet Joad socially'. So he got no lunch."

I MET Alissandra, the latest member of the Olivier dynasty, this week. She weighed in 14 days earlier at 10lb. Along with her mother and her uncle Tarquin we viewed the picture of her grandfather as Richard III, which Korda commissioned from Dali in 1955. The great man's last West End appearance was as a holograph in Time.

I went on from Wildenstein's to another space musical, Return to the Forbidden Planet at the Cambridge, where Patrick Moore's genial face performs a similar function. The show is much more fun than Time and its success a blessing for the producer, Andre Ptaszynski, who suffered the cruel misfortune of seeing the Savoy Theatre gutted by fire before he could open Thark.

Bravely he contemplated an advertising campaign boasting "The Hottest Seats in Town" and 'Not a Seat in the House".

DEREK NIMMO has launched a vicious attack on my barber, correctly tracing the royal joke he gave me last week to Joe Miller's ancient oke book, so here for Derek is the bleakest of actor jokes, which I have heard from three sources this week. Why don't actors look out of the window in the morning?

Because, if they did, they'd have nothing to do during the afternoon.

SPIKE MILLIGAN

f I were...

nough I say it, I think Mrs Thatcher knew that if hough I say it, I think Mrs Thatcher knew that it someone could solve the traffic problem, it would have to be me. I know the roads in Britain like the back of my hand. When the Press were after me in 1983 I had to. I watched horrified as my predecessor, Paul Channon, failed to solve the problem of traffic congestion. The answer was staring him in the face roads much and more roads. him in the face: roads, roads and more roads.

I realized, after the hundredth 60-mile tailback on I realized, after the hundredth 60-mile tailcack of the M25, that it just wasn't good enough. No; thanks to Nigel Lawson we had the money and thanks to Nicholas Ridley we knew we could build roads anywhere so, when I got the call from Mrs Thatcher, I was ready. Owing to a traffic jam I was late for the interview. Thank God Downing Street was clear. She said: "Cecil, you're late, I want you to be Minister of Transport." I said I was ready, provided I could get through the traffic in Parliament Square.

I had my plans ready. I asked Mr Patten to send me a map showing conservation areas, sites of Special Scientific Interest and areas of outstanding natural beauty. There were acres of it! That's why I had the confidence to spend £16 billion of taxpayers' money

on 2,500 miles of new roads and improvements.

Why haven't previous ministers thought of it? Look at the Dartford Bridge. It's magnificent. Mind you, it was mooted before my time but I would have thought of it anyway.

Now, there are those who are violently opposed to my plans. Take Friends of the Earth, Fiends of the Earth, I call them; they all have motor cars. How do they expect to get from A to B without suitable roads? You can't drive over ploughed fields, but you can if you build a



Cecil Parkinson

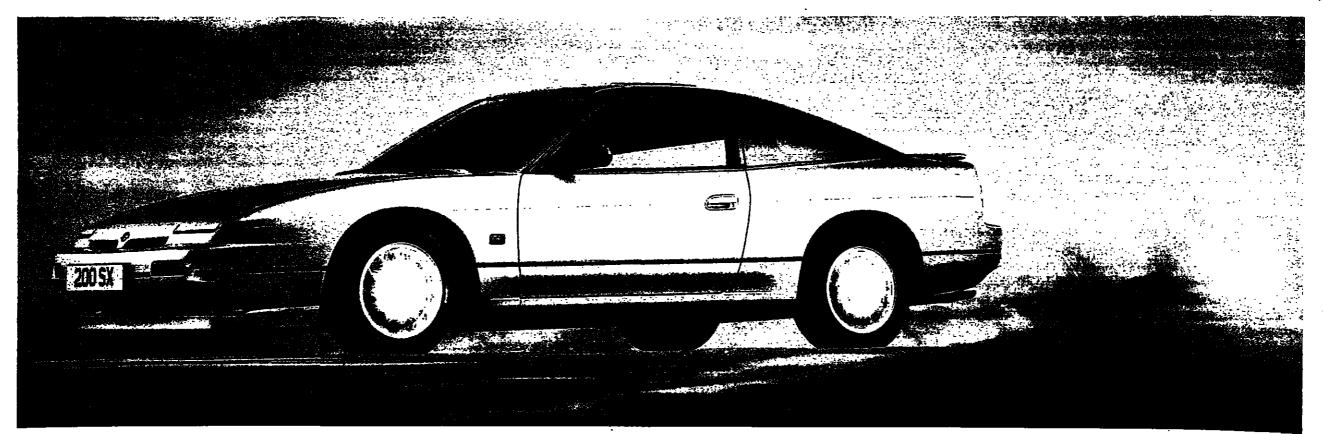
road through them. And I'm going to have grass, yes, grass, each side of the motorway, and before long, if you drive slowly, you'll see daisies and dandelions.

hat's wrong with motor cars? I admit they have a noxious discharge, but that's the responsibility of the Department of the Environment. Will it not be a pleasant sight seeing British-made Rolls-Royces and Bentleys (which people can now afford under a Tory government) passing down my grass-verged motorways? It can only encourage the poor to become richer.

They are also against my Dover to Folkestone carriageway, carefully planned to run across the white cliffs of Dover, made famous in the Second World War by Veronica Lynn. Unfortunately it cuts through an area of outstanding natural beauty, but of what help are rare orchids and the wart biter to the flow of traffic?

Soon the magnificent Channel tunnel will be bringing foreigners, their cars and rabies to Dover, we will take them our cars and mad cow disease. They will want to go to Folkestone; they will have to, because that's where the road goes. Now, they couldn't do that with wart biters in the way. No, roads are the answer, roads, roads and more roads - and your money.

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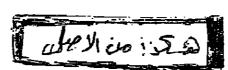
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'I was a bit of a spiv in the war; at one point I was dealing in second-hand cars'

Raymond saw a naked lady he was 14 and peeping through the keyhole at his she undressed and got into the bath. Fifty years later his magazines, Men Only, Razzle, Escort and the rest, the main content of which is photographs of naked ladies, sell a total of 2.8 million copies a month throughout the world - although he admits he never sees anyone buying them

He was not always Paul Raymond: that was a stage name he chose for his mind-reading act. He was born Geoffrey Anthony Quinn in Liverpool in 1925, the middle of three sons of a Catholic family which broke up before he

At the time his father was a haulage contractor and reasonably well off. He remembers being taken on a ferry to New Brighton by his mother and

staring at the lights of a house on the front at Tranmere, which was where his father

at the time. When asked by children at school where his father was, he was instructed to reply that he had gone to work abroad. In fact his father was usually to be found chatting up girls in a public house called the Bear's Paw in Liverpool. His mother wanted nothing to do with him but, being Catholic, refused a divorce. When the law

was changed, he divorced her. In the Fifties when Paul Raymond, as he had by then become, opened the Raymond Revue Bar and became famous, his father got in touch with him, after an absence of more than 20 years. He was baving a hard time financially and wanted help from his successful son. He did not get any.
A few years ago, Paul Raymond

received a phone call from Vienna. His father, who had been scraping by on his pension in an old people's home, had gone on a coach tour of Austria and died. "They wanted to know if I

wished to have the body brought back to England for burial. I told them that I didn't see the point, and that the best thing would be to bury him there."

The extended matriarchal famthe three Quinn boys. There was his mother, a grandmother and three aunts living either together or in close proximity. They were all strong women who put a great. deal of emphasis on education and two of the aunts were

Until the age of seven he was taught by nuns at private convent schools in Liverpool. Then he moved to St Francis Xavier's College where the Brothers of Christian Instruction took over.

first time Paul until the outbreak of war when the entire family (the three young brothers, grandmother, aunts and all) were invited to go and live with "a marvellous, kind uncle", a doctor in Glossop, Derbyshire.

Since he was a little boy Paul Raymond had a stammer (he still does) but this never stopped him being the "leader of the gang". The canon at the church the family attended in Glossop warned his mother she would have to watch him because he was wild. He does not think he was wild, but he frequently had to confess impure thoughts while in confession.

He has not been to confession for many years. "You may laugh at this but if I went I don't know what I'd have to confess. In the past five years, for instance, what have I done that has been wrong?" Academically he was poor and always at the bottom of the class. When he was 14, the headmaster of his school in Glossop threat-ened him with expulsion after he

by Ray Connolly

out doing some courting in a park

you. Some sneak must have told

Always distrustful of other women, neither his mother nor his

legion of aunts liked the idea of

him going out with girls until he

had passed his exams. They would

lead him astray, the aunts would

tell him. But they didn't, not yet,

On the dot of his fifteenth

birthday he left school. After all

those school fees his mother was

naturally disappointed. His broth-

ers made better use of their

education. One of them became a

in Manchester (his mother in-sisted he was a "jumor clerk"), but

his real interest lay in the drums he had learned to play at a friend's

"He lived in a one-up and one-

down house, and I think my

mother was a bit of a snob because

she didn't like me going around

with someone who lived in a one-

up and one-down. Anyway, we

formed a little band and would

Crazy about dance bands on the

radio, he had always wanted a

career in some branch of show

business and quickly gave up being an office boy at 12s 6d a

week when he found he could earn

had played the violin, but "a

common drummer", as his grandmother called him, was beyond the pale. Little did they know what

His family was scandalized. It would not have been too bad if he

£1 a night in a dance band.

His first job was as an office boy

him about me.'

"The fire watchers would patrol the park and shine their torches on

"I thank God I wasn't all that good as a drummer, because if I had been Pd probably still have been playing the things."

The war years were memorable for him in that he was "a bit of a spiv. You could always get by. There was always a little bit of black market here and a little bit there. I was into all kinds of things, buying and selling second-hand cars at one point."

Eventually he was called up as a Bevin Boy. He lasted two days down a mine at Swinton, near Salford. "I didn't like it at all down there. Not at all. So I walked out. I wouldn't have minded the Merchant Navy, but the mine was

As his luck would have it (and he's been undoubtedly lucky), the police took nearly two years to find him. "They came to the door and asked me why I wasn't down the mine, and I said I'd been ill." He had actually been running market stalls in Oldham and

Rochdale. He might have been sent to prison but was instead put in the RAF, where they even took into

consideration the two years he should have been down the mine. In the end he only served a year of his National Service and much of that was in an RAF band, which was good because you did not have to do much square bashing

Later he became a switchboard operator, usually at nights. "With the war being over by then, there weren't many phone calls at night so you could have a kip."

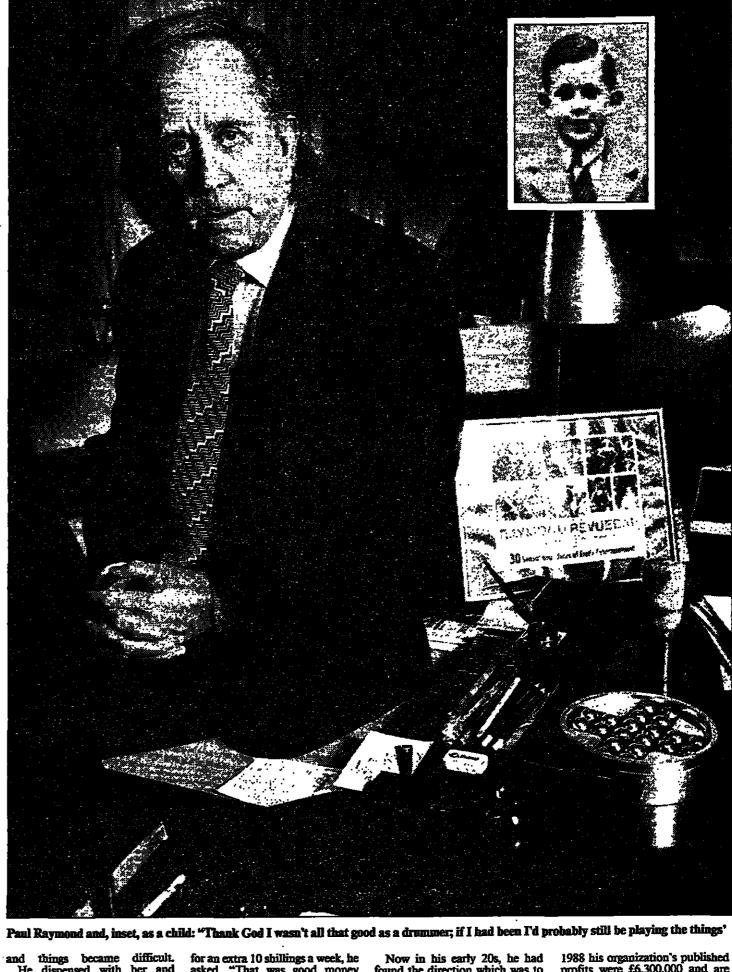
On other nights he would give a colleague 10 shillings to do his shift for him while he got on with running dances. "So I was never really in the RAF more than three days a week.

"I didn't like it, but I had a very easy time and managed to fiddle He was nothing if not resource-

ful and, while stationed at Market Drayton, came up with the idea of raffling a bicycle owned by a friendly sergeant. "We just had to make sure he won the bike."

His first job after the RAF was the Raymond Shirt Company in Manchester, which was a good business to be involved in during clothes rationing. One night the police came to his door and said they had information that he had certain rolls of black-market cloth. He denied it. They must have believed him because they left without looking behind the curtain.

From there he moved to the pier at Clacton-on-Sea where, for £25, he bought a large trunk containing the entire act of a clairvoyant and his wife, Mr and Miss Tree, and became a professional mindreader. He never stammered on stage and this worked rather well for a while, until his "little affair" with his girl assistant ended



He dispensed with her and began a one-man thought-reading act involving "memorizing" numbers out of telephone directories. northern variety halls and as he was usually producing the shows, too, he made sure he got star

Variety was dying, however, bookings became fewer and eventually the word reached him, "without nudes you've no chance". Nudes he didn't have, but he did have a couple of female tap-dancers who would open the first and second acts.

doing a couple of nude tableaux excellence of his act.

for an extra 10 shillings a week, he asked. "That was good money because they'd only been getting £5 10s for the whole week and they'd have to pay their bus fares

In those days nudes were not allowed to move a muscle on stage. Gamely the sisters draned lace curtains across their bare bodies, the drums rolled and the stage curtains parted to reveal, in quick and frozen succession, their interpretations of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Overnight the takings doubled and he did not have to be a mindreader to know the audiences were How would they feel about not coming simply because of the

Now in his early 20s, he had found the direction which was to become his life and make his fortune. His mother was not happy: "To think that a son of with a show like that!" she would say in despair. It was, she thought,

disgusting It was also extremely profitable. On Boxing Day 1951 he came down to London. In 1952 he opened the Raymond Revuebar in Soho. It is still open. Now a major Soho landlord, he receives rent from 136 properties, several housing famous restaurants, nightclubs, as well as office blocks and a cinema, while his own companies occupy a further 14 buildings. In

profits were £6,300,000 and are still rising Married once and divorced, he

has two adult children, his daughhis sex magazine business. Brought up by strong females, he admires a strong woman and is anxious to let it be known that he

is, "even these days", still a big fan of Margaret Thatcher. And no doubt he has some interpretations of laissez-faire that even she never dreamed about.

Photograph by **Chris Harris**

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Hemingway managed to affront most of the Pampiona band of comrades. He pretended to have heard that some of them had threatened to shoot him, and used to sit outside Lipp's Brasserie in Paris in ostentatious defiance of their imaginary menaces. At the same time, he was compulsively engineering the break-up of his marriage, an act which caused him remorse for the rest of his life.

Chink almost alone came

off lightly in the book, disguised as the genial, laconic, though faintly disreputable Englishman, Wilson-Harris. Sometimes in disguise, sometimes under his own name and rank, sometimes present only in a tone of voice, he continued to reappear in several of Hemingway's books between the wars - in his short story The Sun, and in A Farewell to Arms, Death in the Afternoon, and Green Hills of Africa.

But the soldier and the writer began to drift apart without a quarrel. Chink was saddened by the dropping of Hadley, and his career was making growing demands. Unlike many of his fellow officers, he could see quite well that another war was coming, and that it would be a new kind of war. He did not mind whose toes he trod on in putting that message across. To his old Paris friends, he was an irregular correspondent, and, alas, a neglect-

"They never quarrelled because Hemingway was never in a position to pick a quarrei," says Greacen, who lives outside Dublin, and developed an interest in relatively amateurish and St Bernard. Chink while studying the lct-"Hemingway was the one who dropped people. Chink unintentionally retained the advantage because he was

living representative of that code of chivalry and fortitude he wrote about. But Hemingway was bad for Chink, because he made him all the more impatient of military

was to come.

Chink's role in the war is the struggle for North Africa, Auchinleck and O'Connor relied heavily on his quick thinking and audacity. At the first Battle of El Alamein, against the odds, they brought Rommel to a stop when he was in full career towards Egypt and control of the Middle East.

But Churchill did not want standstill, he wanted victory. "The Auk" was abruptly re-placed by Montgomery, who immediately set about rubbishing the work of his predecessors, and took on Rommel only afterwards. Chink was stigmatized as too

Greacen traces, with impainful story of how he made things worse by being so uninhibitedly aggrieved, and of the way his last chance of a comeback was sabotaged by a campaign of insinuations and outright lies from the dunces he had mocked in the past.

story the basis for one of his see himself as the hero, who has at least as much of him. At home in Ireland, he was being drawn into the projects of the IRA, then a

quixotic organization. He even wrote half seriously invite him to join the romp - "if you feel like a fight again" - in a new incarnation: "The been able to.

way, because he saw him as a O'Hem turned down this offer on the plea of infirmity.

They wrote regularly but met seldom ("Come in, Chink. I've some poetry to read to you. I can't talk poetry to anyone but you...") Chink was shy of trading on controversial to this day. In his friendship with a famous man. But the Nobel laureate had problems of his own. His massive strength was ebbing, leaving him querulous and full of fears, real and irrational. He had chased away many true friends who might have stabilized him, and surrounded himself with hangers-on. Chink was scarcely aware of

In June 1961, perhaps muttering the old mantra "We owe God a death", Hemingway killed himself with a hunting shotgun.

Chink felt desperately guilty. Looking over the letters and the books, he saw that he might have picked up hints of the way things were going. But portant new material, the worse was to come. In 1964, the book Hemingway had been working on at his death A Moveable Feast is one of

the saddest books in the world. With all the sureness of touch he had long lost, he describes the early days of his News of his disgrace vocation, evoking Paris and reached Hemingway (not from Chink) and he made the of savage nostalgia for what he has lost, and what he has better later novels, Across the thrown away. He is still River and into the Trees. trapped by the compulsion to Chink was too modest ever to abuse. But even now there is no reproach for Chink - wise. dependable, cheerful Chink. Hemingway as of Chink in arguing about writing, catching trout in mountain streams, leading his flagging friends through the snowdrifts of the

'He had been my best friend and then our best friend to his old friend in 1950 to for a long time," Hemingway wrote. "He takes care of us." But in the end, he hadn't

always leaving it to Heming- O'Hem, a mythical figure • Chink, by Lavinia Greacen, is way to pick up the threads. from the American under- published by Macmillan on Chink was good for Heming- world . . . " Mercifully, the March 19, £18.95.

Once more into those old breeches Innes, leader of the Glencoe Mountain Rescue team which has been called out 16 times

Ronald Faux looks

at modern climbing clothes

They guard my wardrobe more effectively than mothballs. No moth would pene-trate the defensive radius of those ancient climbing breeches, still redolent of lichen, peat hags and honest perspiration. One sniff brings back memories of lonely rock faces and dank gulleys. An indelicate air hangs round them. They defy neglect and ill-treatment and have the

The material was known in its day as moleskin, although it would be a sickly mole that developed such a complexion. Cut off and buckled at the knee, the fashion of the time, voluminous and triple thickness in the seat, they would absorb water with the speed of a parched sponge. Dry, they were the weight of blockboard, wet they became as lead and stretched the bright red braces I wore to hold them up.

I no longer wear them. They hang there out of sentiment, old soldiers pensioned off, well away from my wife's half of the wardrobe. They have, she declares, an unwholesome and haunted quality. They are the kind of trousers that upper reaches of Everest. They up the other day and considering how fashions change.

For modern mountaineers, trousers may be a salvation trooper dangling while he rather than a millstone round went to get help. The casualty rather than a millstone round the legs. Provided they are was weather-proofed and matched with an impervious wearing a "sit" harness. When



Dressed to live: mountaineers in Glencoe in the Thirties

ponderous appeal of the R101 external arctic into a summer warmth next to the skin. Last weekend in Glencoe there was a classic triumph of

modern trouser over the elements. The weather was foul. Storm-force winds increased in strength and chill factor with every foot of altitude. Low cloud made the glen look every inch the place of gloom and massacre which it historically is. They were the con-ditions in which men in moleskins do not venture out. But not so the determined souls dressed to the nines in the latest layers of sweatresistant, storm-proof, cold-

repelling clothing. Six were rescued after spending hours in a snow-hole in temperatures described by the rescuers as worse than Captain Oates went out to be arctic. One man had a broken some time in, that George leg, but the others were rel-Mallory was last seen wearing atively unscathed. A few miles before he disappeared on the away, on the Curved Ridge of the Buachaille Etive Mor, a belong to another age, which soldier slipped and plunged was why I was holding them towards a 1,500ft drop. His companion merely banged in a couple of pitons (metal spikes) and left the luckless

this year. "The traditional system of simply tying the rope with a bowline around the waist is a killer in those circumstances. Left hanging there, the constriction on the chest and lungs would strangle anyone in 10 minutes." Mountaineering softwear of fibre-pile clothing, silk underwear that gives an exotic air to the average craggy climbers' shop, down duvet jackets and outer shell wind-proofs are

outer shell of breathing plas- the rope stopped the fall he tic, trousers can turn an survived in relative comfort and security.

was whether he was wearing a harness," says Hamish Mac-

The first question I asked

designed to give protection. "All these things are tremendous improvements and allow people to survive in the

complemented by hardwear of

ropes of immense strength,

ice-axes and belay devices

worst conditions. But what happens is that people rely on their equipment and go out when the conditions are absolutely shocking," MacInnes

been so bad that helicopter rescue operations were often impossible and the team had to return to rescue the hard way, on foot. But, according to MacInnes, relatively few problems are caused by mountaineers roped together on climbing routes.

The worst trouble comes

from the dedicated baggers of Scotland's Munros (mountains over 3,000ft) who set out to add another tick to their list on days when they should

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The bludgers are destroying Aus-tralia. The Japanese are buying

it, loggers are cutting it down and Aborigines are bleeding it. The exhausted land is blowing away in the wind, income tax is too high, productivity too low and even the weather has gone mad. These, anyway, are the conclusions of a cross-section of Australian taxi drivers, whose

political punditry pours forth from the front seat in a great wash of wisdom, especially with the general election only two weeks away.
What's a bludger? A Sydney cabbie called Joe said he employed 35 of them when he owned a wholesale butcher's business. "Thieves, mate. People who take, take, take and don't give nothing Scroungers is what they are. That's what's ruining the country bludgers. Australians don't work, mate, that's the problem with

Australia." Joe bought his big

Ford taxi six years ago and is plainly doing well - well enough

to go on a European package tour with his wife last year. "We Australians don't know we're living. You know the price of a hotel room in Rome? I don't know why people say it's expensive here. No, we don't know we're living, mate." Suddenly Australia is the best place on earth. The trouble is, though, the government won't do anything about

those Japanese people. Every cabbie mentions the Japanese. The word is out that Australia is being sold off to them, farm by farm, building by build-ing, just like in Hawaii and California.

Mr Andrew Peacock, leader of the opposition Liberal Party, squirmed and wriggled the other day when a radio interviewer virtually asked him to name and condemn the Yellow Peril. He refused to single out Japan, saying merely that he welcomed overseas investment with "reasonably adequate safeguards" from wherever it came, as long as Australians could invest in those countries, too. "Some hope," a cabbie scoffed. Taxi drivers believe that the first politician to stem Japanese investment in Australia will be propelled instantly into the Prime Minister's job.

Property analysts dispute the "invasion" theory, saying it is "more psychological than real", to quote one of them. British interests, in fact, own more real estate in Australia than any other foreigners. In any case, the rate of Japanese investment is slowing down because more attractive opportunities have turned up in the United States and Europe. Australia now ranks as fifth or sixth on Japan's overseas property investment list - down from

But the myth lives on in

Behind the wheels of state



passion-packed headlines such as "Cannon family under fire for selling to Japanese". Such stories touch the heart and soul of Australians. "For a century the Cannon family has farmed the sugar cane that grows tall and strong beneath White Rock-Mountain near Cairns in north Oueensland," a paper reports, puffed with pride. But the last crop has been brought in, and old Mr Cannon has sold his farm for five times its agricultural value. A Japanese development company will now plant tall, strong concrete. The neighbours are said to be furious. Joe, the taxi driver, grows surly and silent.

Loggers are high on the cabbies' hit list, too. In 200 years 65 per cent of the tree cover has disappeared from the earth's oldest continent. Because the land is so ancient it is tired, thin and fragile - not deep and rich like the land the European immigrants were used to. Hacking down trees

started an environmental tragedy that only recently has been recognized by farmers who have turned suddenly into the most conscientious conservationists in the land, planting trees with a furious dedication. It has been estimated that by the year 2000 one billion new trees will have been planted in Australia. But what's the point when you've got loggers chopping it all down? Bob, a cabbie who drives a big,

growling Ford, says loggers are tearing down new and ancient forests as if they were wheatfields that would grow back next year. The government's in cahoots with them, too. Politicians are all crooks, anyway. That Peacock fellow's all feathers and no meat, mate. The Gucci Kid, they call him. And that other bird. Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister - he's the little Silver Bodgie, mate. What's a bodgie? "Don't you know about bodgies and widgies? Bodgies are blokes and widgies are

women. Sort of like the rockers you had in England - you know, with poofed up hair like Hawke's. Know what they call the election? Battle of the birds. The Peacock versus the Hawke, mate. Fowl play, I call it - F-O-W-L, get it? Or battle of the bouffants."

He recalled a Sydney news-paper headline a 10 MAR while ago - one 1990

of those ornithological puns so beloved in Australian newsrooms - "Fine feathers don't make Peacock a Hawk", it said. Bloody right, too.

But back to logging. Conserva-tionists are demanding, at the very least, the end of logging in the National Estates. They also want "high conservation value forests" outside the estates to be saved from the saw. And they say the industry must be restructured so that it is plantation-based. Senator Richardson, the Environment Minister, said that because of 'pragmatic realities" logging in National Estate forests in New South Wales and Victoria would have to continue in the shortterm. "What'd I tell you," the cab driver said triumphantly. They're destroying the land and nobody cares."

Aborigines excite a lot of comment from taxi drivers. They don't want to work, that's the problem. They get a lot of money from the government, too. And they drink too much. Or so taxi drivers believe. There is quite a lot of muttered, cautious talk from the front seat about the number of Asian immigrants coming into the country, but that's a bit too sensitive to talk about with strangers. There is nothing subdued, however, when conversation turns to the subject of income tax.

A cabbie called John reckons he has to take about £12 an hour to make a reasonable living after

average bloke earns, say, £15,000. It don't take long if he does overtime to start getting into higher tax brackets. It's not worth working hard. There's no incentive. People who do overtime get slugged by the taxman." It is the same story from every

taxi driver - taxation is the national enemy. An English cabbie who came to Australia 25 years ago said he wanted to go home to Liverpool because he was sick and tired of working for the taxman. "That's just what I used to say when I left England. The unions are too powerful here and taxation is too high. House prices are out of sight and mortgages are 17 or 18 per cent. Young people don't have a chance. Hell, I can hear myself saying exactly the same 25 years

The overwhelming feature of the election campaign is disillusion. After years of wage control the economy is still in bad shape

and real living standards are falling. Mr Peacock touched a nerve when he said that for the first time young Australians faced the prospect of being worse off than their parents. Mr Hawke remains immensely popular — he did, after all, once make it into the Guinness Book of Records for his Guinness Book of Records for his beer-drinking capacity. He has been tectotal for years. And his televised confession of adultery did him no harm at all, if only because it took so much courage.

Mr Peacock, who went through two highly public divorces with great dignity, is a much better campaigner and orator, but somehow Australia's taxi drivers are not sure about him. Mind you, did you hear about him and Shirley MacLaine? When asked about this particular rumour, a top Peacock aide confided: "Oh sure, but that was years ago. There's nothing in it now."



the Greens. One admitted that he would back the small Democratic Party, although he wasn't sure what it stood for. But it couldn't be worse than this

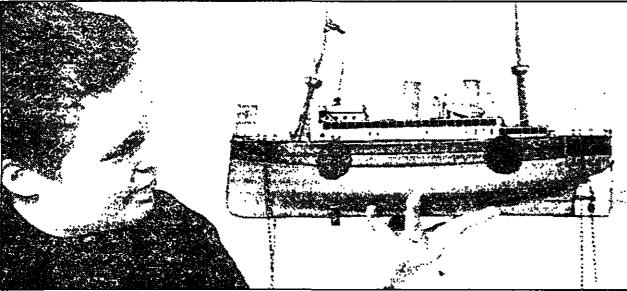
"Look at that stupid train," he went on, casting his eyes upwards. Didn't that sum it all up? An under-used monorail travels around the central streets of Sydney and loses money hand over fist. "It only covers a few blocks. Makes no sense at all, I don't know why they built the bloody thing, and neither do

Part of the reason for the taxi drivers' frustration is the ideological fusion of the two main parties, which leaves voters with no real choice. The Labour Party, which grew out of the trade union movement, has moved steadily to the right. It has even sold off public assets. The national airline, Qantas, is the next to go. The Labour Party's big boast is its long-term wage control agreement with the unions, which has brought a large measure of industrial peace. A side-effect is that union membership has fallen steadily to less than half the workforce because free collective bargaining has more or less ceased

The Liberals, who are conservative despite their name, talk a lot like Mrs Thatcher, saying they would cut taxes and government spending as she has done. Mr John Wells, the opposition leader's spokesman, said Mrs Thatcher was a shining example of a competent leader in charge of a competent government. "Well, competent government. mate, what we don't need in Australia is lessons from the Poms," a taxi driver said huffily. "This is the best bloody country in

COLLECTING

Twenties toys found behind panelling will go on auction next month



Anchors aweigh: Alison Kurke, head of Sotheby's collectors department in Chester, holds a boat to be auctioned next month

hoard of toys, hidden A behind panelling in an attic playroom when their owner outgrew them and discovered 60 years later by his widow, are to be sold at Sotheby's in Chester next

The collection includes games from the Twenties, tinplate and clockwork toys, Meccano components, lead farmyard animals and railway figures, and Hornby 0 gauge trains and accessories, and is stimated to be worth between £3,000-£5,000. The market is extremely

buoyant so the collection could fetch a great deal more. The items are being sold by the original owner's widow.
She said that her husband, a

businessman in the City, came from a family which never threw anything away. The couple married in 1971,

but during their married life he never mentioned the toys until the night before he went into hospital for an operation. "Quite casually he said I wasn't to forget his train set which was in the attic — his old CORNISH CHIPPENDALE:

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Hidden treasure

few days later, aged 70. "I didn't know what he was talking about and when he died there was such a lot to do. When I went to look up there I couldn't see anything. It was full of all kinds of stuff but there were no toys. Then I realized that an area to one side of the fireplace was hol-

playroom," she says. He died a

"We puiled down the panelling and there they were, behind some silk curtains, stacked neatly on top of each other, mostly in their own boxes, just as he'd left them, although they were covered in soot. There were his films, boxed games, farm animals and just about everything you could imagine. It was really quite incredible."

Thurs, Fri 10am. STAFFORDSHIRE STARS: including Wesley, Wellington and Garlbaldi, all between Lacy Scott, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds. Viewing: today 9am-1pm, Mon

collectors' department at Sotheby's in Chester, cat-alogued the 17 lots which she describes as "charming". Among the tinplate items is

a Tipp clockwork four-seater limousine with uniformed driver (est £300-£400), a Gunthermann clockwork fireengine (£250-£350), two English double-decker buses (£150-£250) and a double decker tram with glazed windows (£250-£350), a Fleischmann clockwork two-fun-nelled liner (£400-£600) and two boats (£120-£180).

There are collections of William Britain farm animals, implements (£200-£300), railway figures and station accessories (£150-£250). "When the saieroom people saw the farm

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9am-4pm, Thurs 4-8pm. Sale: Mon 10.30am, Tues 2pm and 6.30pm, Fri 11am. POST HASTE: Postage stamps from more than 105 collections, mixed lots from £250-£300 up to £1,200-£1,500. Unpretentious general sale. Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629

there was a village idiot model among them, because apparentiy they are very rare," she says. There was. Among the train sets was a Homby Royal Scot locomotive in LMS livery and matching LMS No 2 special tender, both in their original boxes (£200-£300), a No 2 4 4 4 tank locomotive in its original box (£150-£250), a No 1 040 black LMS tank locomotive No 623 with a black four-wheeled tender numbered 2710, three Pullman cars and six goods wagons

things they wanted to know if

(£150-£200). But one of the things she found will not be on sale. "Right at the back was a very old, very tattered teddy bear." she says. "It was obviously much-loved. I shall keep it always."

Sotheby's, Booth Mansion, 28-30 Watergate Street, Chester (0244 315531). Viewing: April 7, 9.30am-12.30pm, April 9, 9.30am-4.30pm, April 10, 9.30am-3.30pm, Sale: April 11, 10.30am, Catalogues £7.

John Shaw 6602). Viewing: Tues, Wed 9am-4.30pm. Sale: Thurs 11am.

Special weekend valuation next Saturday and Sunday. Collectors are invited to bring valuables for assessment. Christie's, South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581) 7611). Valuation: March 17, 10am-2pm, March 18, 1-

CALLING COLLECTORS:

MUSEUMS

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Sales of copies of the Falstaff Cup are to help the Globe theatre appeal

I of Henry IV, Part 2, she assails him with the

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The characters which the world's greatest dramatist brought to the stage were three-dimensional and as large as life - larger, in fact, in Sir John's case. It seems likely that Shakespeare drew much on real life for his scenes: Sir John is said to be a cross between Sir John Fastolf and Sir John Oldcastle, a will be presented to Mr Wanamaker, director medieval knight.

But Shakespeare also used settings and objects that he knew. The inn scenes were probably set in the Boar's Head Tavern in in copy individually from sterling silver, the parish of St Michael's, Crooked Lane, in gold-plated inside exactly as the original, and the City which had a Dolphin Chamber, each will be hallmarked separately by the named after the crest of the Worshipful London Assay office. Company of Fishmongers.

The cup over which Sir John swore his

love for Mistress Quickly was kept in the to the address on the coupon. The offer Chamber. It was made in 1590, six years closes on April 20. before the play was written, and later

n one of the funniest scenes in the presented to St Michael's Church. The inn Shakespearian canon, Mistress Quickly, and the church have both gone, but the cup the hostess of an inn, has had Sir John has survived in the Treasury of St Paul's has survived in the Treasury of St Paul's Cathedral. Now known as the Falstaff Cup, it Falstaff hauled before a magistrate to answer a "breach of promise" charge. In Act 2, Scene is to come to the aid of The Globe Theatre Trust, the charity which is recreating the Globe a few yards from its original site on the Thames south bank.

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22.50. Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-6pm. Until April 29. VICTORIAN NEWCASTLE: Seen anew through the period water-colours of John Teasdale (1848-1926), a local artist. arust. Joicey Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 232 4562). Free. Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm.

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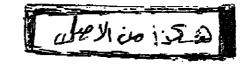
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Nice work, if you can find it



The world's buyers descend on London for the fashion industry's showcase, to find our designers spreading

their wares across the capital, Liz Smith reports

in your local flower shop and Week (in reality, a long week-Graham Fraser and Richard got rolling yesterday with Nott, the designers behind the fashion followers zig-zagging Workers for Freedom label through the capital, instead of and the current title holders, being centralized, as in pre-(the Princess of Wales presented them with the award last October), are enjoying their celebrity and the upturn in interest and orders from stores across the world. "You gain that little bit of confidence." Nott says modestly.

Bouquets of praise and bursting order books are the fashion fillip all our designers need this weekend. International store buyers are converging on London to

ne of the perks of focus on British style — Designer Show, the four-day winning British London traffic permitting fashion fair at Olympia this fashion's Designer
of the Year Award
The round of shows, parties
and attention-grabbing events is being recognized making up London Fashion a couple of extra end wedged between the thrust on you for free. collections in Milan and Paris) vious years.

A couple of the livelier designer names are missing. Katharine Hamnett and John Galliano both now show in Paris. Two established stars, Rifat Ozbek and Jasper Conran, are not staging catwalk shows but screening videos showing their clothes

For the 220 exhibitors chasing orders from 5,500 buyers expected to trawl the British

weekend stuck in a traffic jam.

devolution of the fashion shows is the root cause of problems facing designers are silly. British designers grumble when they are left to stand on their own feet without the support from government and industry which their French counterparts receive. But when the British Fashion Council, for the past four years under the chairmanship of Sir Edward Rayne, marshalled sponsorship from the industry for a show tent alongside the Olympia Ex-hibition Centre and rallied the designers to pool resources and share the site, the de-signers discovered they really preferred their own independence. They are the same all over the world - happiest

doing their own thing. There are signs that established patterns of showing collections are giving way elsewhere, too. In Paris and Milan a few individuals such as Mugler, Montana and Gaultier have from time to time split from the organized venues to places custom-made for their styles.

ritish fashion abroad is well represented by our major exporters - such as Burberry, Aquascutum, Ballantyne, Jaegar and Daks — who supply the thoroughbred tweeds and cashmere sweaters synonymous with British style. The top designers are the essential froth on top that draws buyers to explore a quirky, offbeat London "look" that repeatedly sets trends.

The intimacy of an art gallery or a showroom carved out of an elegant London Georgian house perfectly suits the scale of London designers' creations. What they lack in promotional skills they make up for in detailing and originality. But without the back-up of a secure manufacturing base, few should attempt to compete with the Italians or French with grand presentations.

Caroline Charles's brand of snappy British tailoring and soft evening suits was shown off perfectly in her elegant Knightsbridge salon yesterday. Edina Ronay's collec-tion of brocade hooded coats and jackets, inspired by her Hungarian great uncle Otto, looked suitably sumptuous against the richly-ornamented backdrop of the V & A.

Jasper Conran's latest collection stars in the film he screens tonight at his showroom in Soho. Quilted bronze dustry with a £6 billion turnbomber jackets and coats, over last year and exports of in 1975, and who has consis-



Jasper Conran shows a long hooded "bethrobe" coat in grey brushed wool tied over stretchy black stirrup pants and hooded white satin seersucker top

stretch velvet blousons and £1.7 billion, which employs tight leggings, and long sweeping bath robe coats that are inspired, he says, by "off duty motorbiking ballerinas" will be modelled informally by a clutch of friends. "Instead of being wildly crazed and pressured about doing a show, I

am relaxed," he says. Douglas Hogg, Minister for Trade, is showing his support for British fashion — an in-

more than a quarter of a million people. He and Mrs Thatcher are scheduled to cohost a government reception tomorrow night at Lancaster House to celebrate London fashion, although it has not yet been confirmed that the Prime Minister will attend.

Annette Worsley-Taylor, who pulled together a group of top-bracket designers as the London Designer Collections

tently supplied designers with a chic selling platform ever since, has put forward plans to the BFC for an alternative industry-sponsored system of showing which should satisfy both idiosyncratic designer and busy buyer. "When this season is over the industry has got to decide whether it is going to support a central fashion village which will promote design and be the showcase for the whole British



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Jonathan Meades makes his annual check-up on the progress of the chef Nicholas Ruthven-Stuart

Following the game

very year I receive a letter from a chef called Nicho-Ruthven-Stuart. Should I not receive it one year, I'd know where to look for him - he is always to be found in Hampshire, at an establishment with a gruesome dining-room and owners with whom he'll fall out sooner or later. In '87 he introduced himself in a letter notable for its - let us say eschewai of self-doubt. In '88 he announced his removal from Mid-die Wallop to Winchester. In '89 he was off again, this time to the hamlet of Stuckton near Fordingbridge - still in Hampshire, though only just — and to a former pub whose bizarre interior cannot be excused as an accident. Someone actually wanted it to look this way. More of that in a moment.

This man's progress is worth ments mark him as a chef of more than parochial appeal. Stuckton is only 80 minutes from central London and will be even more quickly reached if the M3 extension through Twyford Down is built. (It probably won't be - the Government can surely not wish to add to the tally of own goals scored in the Winchester constituency by John Browne).

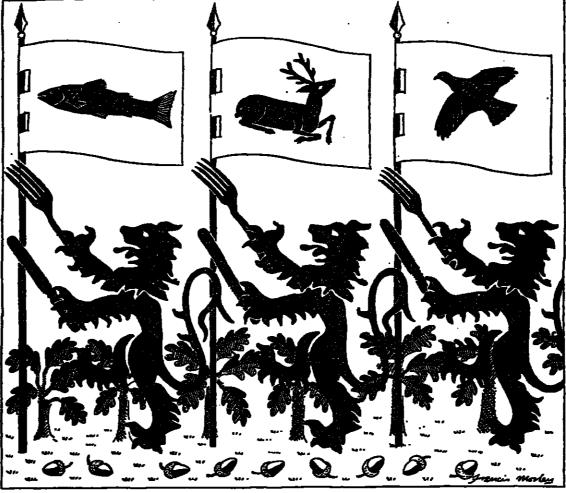
The Three Lions at Stuckton is a singularly appropriate site for Mr Ruthven-Stuart to exercise his talents. It is two hundred yards from the western perambulation (or boundary) of the New Forest, and a couple of miles from the edge of Cranborne Chase. This is game country, and to prove the point the Game Conservancy (a euphemism) has its HQ at Fordingbridge. Mr Ruthven-Stuart possesses a surer and more imaginative touch with game than practically any other chef in the country. At his post before last he did a most delicious grouse dish, a dish that owed nothing to the miserable English practice of desiccatory roasting. Here he had, the night I dined, two game dishes on the menu. They both outdid that memorable grouse of two and a half years ago. The first was a saddle of roebuck, cooked à point, served with wild mushrooms, a pear that must have been poached in red wine

unusual as it was excellent. It was rich, fairly intense, gamey, and flavoured with nutmeg or mace; it could not have been better judged and its depth recalled the sauce mastery of Nico Ladenis - not, I think, that Mr Ladenis would cook such a sauce. His inspiration is Mediterranean; this chef strikes me as owing something to northern precedent, to the sort of cooking one finds in the Ardennes. The second game dish bore that out. This comprised breasts of pheasant and pigeon - the former light and mild, the latter rare and potent - with potato gallette, pulses and a peppery sauce. This, also, was outstanding. Mr Ruthven-Stnart has taken over the kitchen of The Three Lions

from its owner Karl-Hermana

Wadsack who, years ago, was chef de cuisine at Chewton Glen. Mr Wadsack is, obviously enough, German and it may well be from him that Mr Ruthven-Stuart has acquired these northern accents and mannerisms. The lunchtime menu certainly includes dishes such as bratwurst and pickled herring that are unmitigatedly German. I ate neither of those. In the course of the two meals I had here I did eat: two similar looking but differently flavoured fish soups — one included saffron and distinctly un-northern croûtons with aioli, the other (at lunchtime) was simpler and had fish quenelles in it; a warming gratin of Arbroath Smokies (smoked haddock) that was not, strangely, marred by the inclusion of cheese; lamb's breads and kidneys in a vinegar sauce; a sticky toffee pud-ding; a classic and classically fine chocolate marquise. These were, without exception, faultless. The only error of judgement I discerned was in the flavouring of some puréed swede - I know that swedes are orange in hue but it does not thus follow that they should be pepped up with filaments of orange peel; they are quite sweet enough as they are. I guess that marmalade eaters - I am not one - might enjoy

this tuber-and-fruit oddity. Unusually for an English restaurant The Three Lions appears to reflect the produce of its immediate surrounds. I'd love to be able to and syrup or in a sweet fortified report that Mr Ruthven-Stuart



cooks salmon from the Hampshire Avon which is less than a mile away. There is a photograph of me at the age of five (I remember it being taken) beside a 44lb salmon my father killed on the Avon near Ibsley - the fish was taller than I was. Today, though, what was once the greatest salmon river in southern Britain is a kelt of its former self.

he Avon's demise is not due to netting, nor to overfishing, but to pollution from trout farms. A couple of years ago the Earl of Radnor admitted in the House of Lords that his fishery at Longford Castle, 10 miles upstream from Stuckton, inevitably pollutes the Avon. The point about farmed trout that must be made is that their gastronomic worth (which is slight) does not outweigh the depredations

THE THREE LIONS ***** Stuckton, Fordingbridge Hampshire (0423 52489). Lunch Tues to Sun, dinner Tues to Sat. £80 dinner, £50 lunch. of their nurture. They are fish-farmer friendly, that's all. The only salmon The Three Lions offers is gravad ("buried") salmon. Again, I didn't try it, but given the sheer pride that this place takes in everything it does I'd be amazed if it wasn't first rate.

The dining-room is not first rate unless, that is, you are an amateur of Germanic kitsch — in which case it will still not be first rate because it lacks steins and horns and leather shorts. None the less, it is quite an item. There are: embroidered scenes of bucolic life; corn dollies; pewter plates; azaleas in jardinières; weinstube tables of stripped pine; a loud carpet from the first bedsit you ever lived in; hunks of pottery. And the walls are hospital green, an emetic peppermint. In the men's toilet are framed photos of naked women with sand on their bottoms and cordless phones in their hands; perhaps they are carnal master-pieces by Patrick Lichfield. The wines here are various and promising. That the promise should be unfulfilled is largely due to the composition of the list. I had

forgotten how ghastly German

wines were until I tasted a Riesling here. And a '74 Cornas was iffy, too. At least they came in halves: this restaurant does numerous halves.

What it doesn't do by halves is the exhibition of certificates of gastroproficiency on the walls: a bit of frame, a bit of beraldry, the name of Karl-Hermann Wadsack in thick italic, a scrawled signature, a decorative border of, say, acanthus. These emblems are everywhere. Maybe they impress the predominantly elderly, retired bank manager clientele of The Three Lions, but I doubt it. Besides which, they are a bit of an insult to the incumbent chef.

Lest this column sound like a fan letter I should state that Mr Ruthven-Stuart is not my nephew or my brother-in-law, that, indeed, I've never met the guy. Further, I hope that he won't fall out with his current employers - one cannot rely on Mr Parkinson cutting an M-way to Hayling Island. But before he moves to Hayling, to Bistro Despair, Mr Ruthven-Stuart should do something about The Three Lions's proscription of children and its admission of dogs. £80.

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Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandellers. Prices swags and chandellers. Prices are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are divent only changed — they are given only as an indication of the as an interaction of the establishment's repertoire. I eccept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

VICTORIA

Scandinavie
Scandic Crown Hotel, Bridge
Place, London SW1
(01-867 8877)

Modern Swedish-owned hotel with extensive views over the side of Victoria Station. The interior of the restaurant is in early Severaties airport style. The cooking is upmarket airport stuff for the most part. But it's by no means poor—unexciting maybe, but competently done: boudin blanc with dill and mustard, oversalted marinated salmon and hatibut. Pretentious

Ciboure 21 Eccleston Street, London SW1 (01-730 2505)

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Small, amart haunt of frock
designers. The cooking is
sectulously bent on novelty —
prunes and nutmeg turn up in a fole
gras terrine, citrus fruit mars a
lumiper sauce, beef is mugged by
heavyweight herbing. 270.

Very Simply Nico 48a Rochester Row, London SW1 (01-630 8061)

A super-bistro, or quest-brasserie, or something between the two. The cooking, by Nico Ladents's former sous-chef, Tony Tobin, is not that simple. Some of the dishes, such as pickled trout, are period pieces. Others, such as bough blanc of relation, are appropriate Them is fine. chicken, are unusual. There is fine chicken, are uncasal, raise is later duck confit, excellent steak garmened in the traditional Semi-inn mode, brilliant chips, potato purée dense with olive oil. Friendly service. Short but interesting wine list. 280.

FINE WINES

Leith's 92 Kensington Park Road London W11 (01-229 4481) ****

Staunch survivor of the Sto statutes survivor or size acutes which has moved with the times, but not too much. Artichoke and green cities pie, beef with splandid watercress sauce, lamb and venison with whisky sauce. Highly professional service, wines to go in the not for £80. professional sentine red for £80.

124 Kensington Church Street, London W8 (01-221 9225) *** No choice dinners, limited choice lunches. The cooking is superior dinner party stuff — fairly simple, well balanced, good ingredients, not much showing off. Flicotta and

artichoke pie, well herbed rack of temb, first-rate British cheeses, nice breads. Sound wine list, strong in New World bargains. 270.

Michelin House, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-581 5817)

大大大大大大 Elegant restaurant which reises the bistro and brasserie dishes of the day before yesterday to neights they never scaled them. Some of Smon Hopkinson's sauces err on the side of over-emphasis, but the majority of the classic dishes are spot on: title de vetu, oeuts en meuretis, fire stasis, custanding beef daube, outstanding turbe time acc pommes. Overpriced, but underiably impressive wines. 2100.

One Ninety Queensgate 190 Queensgate, London SW7 (01-581 5866)

(01-581 5666)
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Salt-consciously earthy cooking, indebted to the currently modish cuisine du terroir and generally very good. Chef Antony Worral-Thompson serves pulses with fust about everything; lendis with fuse gras, lendis with lent and a meat reduction and thed fole gras. Happy service, animated punters who are, unsurprisingly, enjoying themselves. Terrific wine list includes 20 pudding wines and many little known French regional bottles. 225.

Ménage à Trois 15 Beauchamp Piace, London SW3 (01-589 4252/584 9350)

One of the most fashionable restaurants of the early Eightles, when its gimmick was to serve only starters and puds. It now does more than that but is still wildly electic. The dishes are well-intentioned and often ill-executed. The wine list is among the best in the executed of the wine list is among the best in the executed.

13a Coin Street, London SE1 (01-928 4554) ***

Almost certainly the most extensive selection of Loire wines in Britain, and there can be few places in the Loire valley which match it. The cooking has little affinity with these wines. It is run of the mill Francisch stuff. What should be hearty, wintry dishes are spoiled by deintiness.
Fish is rather better dealt with. 250-56.

NORTH YORKSHIRE

McCoy's The Cleveland Tontine, Staddlebridge, Northellerton (060 982 671) *****

Some of Tom McCoy's cooking in this wonderful one-off restaurant competes with the best in Britain. The stuff to go for includes languagine raylois, Bresse pigeon langoustine raviolis, Bresse pigeon with leeks, yeal iddney with mustard sauce, lamb with capalcum tart, fole gras with grapes stewed in Madeira, just about any of the sweets. The dising-room is sumptuous, sort of jazz age, comfortable. For a grand rastaurant — and it is no other kind of restaurant — it is endearingly laid-back. The wines are mostly French, mostly good, and there is always an interesting load of bin-ends and half bottles. £65-£70.

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Restaurateurs are

starting to take action against

customers who

fail to honour bookings, writes

Geraldine Ranson

estaurateurs around the country are thinking of taking action against people who book tables and fail to turn up. "No shows" constitute a serious problem for all but a few place

The small, privately owned establishment which serves about 50 customers in an evening, often with some of the best food, is particularly vulnerable. A no-show table for six can wipe out more than 10 per cent of the evening's turnover and most of the profit. The later in the evening the booking, the less likely the replacement.

In London Nico Ladenis, proprietor of Chez Nico and Very Simply Nico, says: "We over-booking as it seems to be away that annoys us. Even if the only way to make up the they ring at 8pm it's better loss." He feels that restaurants than not turning up at all."

tables every day. General up". manager Joel Kissin tries to Ti avoid the situation by should be wary. A booking instructing the bookers to take constitutes a legally binding telephone numbers and ring contract. Neville Blech, the back on the day to confirm the reservation. For large reserva- Ebury Street, London, sued a tions and those made by no-show for damages and hotels, he likes a written or won. "It was the last straw," faxed confirmation.

Hotel in south Devon has no the company lawyer wrote passing trade and is cut off back saying there was no from the mainland at high tide contract. I won £80 and £8 (guests are fetched by sea costs, but the cost to myself tractor). When a table for nine was about £5,000 in solicitor's did not show last summer, his fees and wasted time." chef agreed not to start "clear- So what can proprietors do? ing down" the kitchen for Increasingly, restaurants take another half an hour. But Mr customers' telephone num-Porter was faced with the loss bers and credit card details of nearly 20 per cent of the with bookings. Some, like evening's turnover. Next day Christopher and Judy Bradley the customer maintained that of Mr Underhill at Earl

when he had tried to telephone the previous evening, there had been no answer. At the Carved Angel in Dartmouth Meriel Boyden, one of the partners, thinks the problem is seasonal. "It's summer boliday-makers" she says. "They can reduce our. takings by up to 10 per cent in a bad week. It's not only the have about 10 per cent no- a bad week. It's not only the shows, which makes life very loss of money but the fact that difficult. I've now started we've turned other people

do not have a good image and are not taken seriously by the however, has few problems -British public. "It's soul- only about three tables a week, destroying," he says. "Some-which are quickly taken up by times I have had to turn away the hotel's residents. The which are quickly taken up by one of my best customers for a majority of the customers are no-show." Only New Yorkers, regulars. However, Manzi's, who drink tap water and ask also long-established and cenfor the sauce to be served on trally located, will only take the side, make Mr Ladenis dinner bookings for the downmore angry.

Bibendum in Fulham Road day "just to make sure that has two or three no-show customers don't forget to turn

The customer, however, proprietor of Mijanou in otels, he likes a written or won. "It was the last straw," he say. "When I wrote to the man asking for compensation, lotel in south December 1

a member of the party had Stonham in Suffolk (who have

also sued no-shows), request a cardholders priority bookings. 50 per cent deposit for an advance party booking. They can only serve 28 people and three no-show tables constitute a disaster

"People who are not going to cancel are happy to pay," Mr Bradley says. "The ones who object probably wouldn't turn up anyway. However, we can have problems when a customer has paid a deposit for a party of, say, 12 and only half that number turns up. Of course, we refuse to refund the deposit for the other six. Survival is the name of the

ith plenty of pass-ing trade at Le Gamin and Le Poulbot in the City, the Roux brothers have no difficulties. At their Waterside Inn in Bray and at Le Gavroche in Mayfair, they charge £25 per head deposit for bookings for parties of more than eight. "The serious customers are pleased to pay," says Diego Masciaga, res-taurant manager of the Water-side Ion. side Inn.

The Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain advises members that it is legal to charge a deposit as long as the terms of trading are made clear at the outset. Many proprietors feel that since customers pay for theatre tickets and holidays in advance, why not meals?

American Express, which claims to be the number one charge card used in restaurants, admits that it is a problem. Marketing director David Rodin says the company is looking at a plan whereby, in exchange for guaranteed payment of the bill, the restaurant would give provide the table after all

The snag, however, is to get the 20,000 Amex-registered restaurants to agree.

Turning a restaurant into a club certainly helps solve the problem, since members receive monthly accounts, and even the mighty Garrick Club bills its members if they fail to cancel pre-booked tables. However, the secretary of the Cavalry and Guards Club, David de Pinna, was shocked by the suggestion: "Our mem-bers are simply not the sort of people who do that sort of thing." John Davey, formerly manager of Bibendum, has found the problem much less severe since he moved to Mosiman's, a private dining club in West Halkin Street.

One proprietor thinks he might resort to a ploy reputedly much-used in New York.

At about one o'clock in the, morning, before he locks up, the boss rings up all the no-shows. "We are still holding your table, sir," he says. "Can you tell me when we can expect to see you?" The customer, of course, is

not always the guilty party: restaurants sometimes fail to provide a table that has been booked well in advance. The October 1989 issue of Which? published by the Consumers' published by the Consumers' Association, states that the customer then has the right to sue for breach of contract claiming out of pocket expenses (travel, for example) and in the case of, say, a birthday celebration, a sum for disappointment. However, for disappointment. However, if you mention your intention to contact the Trading Standards Officer at the local council or the Citizens Advice Bureau, the restaurateur may decide that it is simpler to

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Frances Bissell experiments with a selection of sauces and dips to

adapt some simple meat-free recipes

dishes that I like to serve at home. A large plate or basket of vegetables makes a very good start to a meal when you are entertaining. It is something you can pass around with drinks to stave off the hunger panes without spoiling the appetite, or you can sit down to eat it. The vegetables can be all raw or all cooked, as you prefer (although there are some which should always be cooked) or, for the best contrast of textures, have some cooked, such as new potatoes and leeks, and serve the rest raw. On balance, I prefer cauliflower raw and broccoli just lightly blanched, but that's purely a matter of individual taste.

Dips and sauces can be as simple or as elaborate as you like. The Italian pinzimonio is perhaps the simplest of all but, because nothing else masks its flavour, it is important to use a well-flavoured extra virgin olive oil. You may like to serve a selection of dips and dressings, or just one. For a real DIY course, which I must confess, I have not tried, you could get out your most exotic oils and vinegars, arrange them on a tray with a few small bowls of nuts, herbs, sea salt and other condiments, and let your guests mix their own.

The fish stew has long been a favourite recipe of mine, partly because it is so easy and quick to cook, and partly because it is such an adaptable recipe. Sometimes I replace the vermouth with a larger quantity of dry white wine, reduce the amount of tomatoes or leave them out altogether, and flavour and colour the stew with saffron stamens soaked in a little hot water. Chopped fennel bulb can be added to the vegetable mixture and the flavour enhanced with a splash of pastis. Follow the basic method, but replace the flavouring with lemon grass, ginger and lime leaves or chillis and star anise pods to create a dish with an oriental flavour. The cooking liquid could be fish stock with a little rice wine enriched with coconut cream (sold in blocks in oriental and Asian food shops and some supermarkets). Serve a bowl of steamed or boiled rice with the stew. For another, more substantial version

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ere are some meatless of the stew, diced or sliced potatoes or pasta shells can be cooked with the stock and vegetables of the basic recipe before you add the fish.

Thinking about adaptable recipes brings me to another favourite starter, which hardly warrants a recipe. I cook small, whole leeks, three or four per person, arrange them on individual plates, dress while still warm and then arrange another ingredient on top; it might be fireshly cooked quait's eggs. diced salami, shredded cooked chicken or smoked salmon trimmings. Try it with quickly fried oyster mushrooms, prawns or chicken livers. Cod's roe is good and plentiful at the moment. Buy it ready-cooked from your fish-monger or cook it yourself. Poach it gently in water and then let it cool. When firm, slice and fry it, in olive oil, for example, and serve it on top of the salad. If the leeks are particularly fresh and good, they are probably best left unadorned except for a vinaigrette poured over them while still warm.

Vegetable starter Use a mixture of the following as

available:
small carrots
blanched small leeks
baby com
boiled new potatoes
blanched aroon beens

blanched mangetouts or sugar snap

blanched or raw cauliflower and chicory

cherry tomatoes

cooked or raw baby artichokes, thinly sliced or cut into wedges fennel bulb, cut into wedges

Serve as *bagna cauda*, pinzimonio or crudités with a dip, using one of the following sauces: Bagna cauda (serves 4 to 6)

2oz/60g butter 4 or 5 gartic cloves, or to taste 1 small (50g) can of plain anchovy

6floz/170ml extra virgin olive oil Melt the butter in a small heavy



saucepan, and cook the peeled and thinly sliced garlic. When the garlic is soft, but not browned, add the drained anchovy fillets, cut into two or three pieces. Stir and crush with a wooden spoon, and grad-ually stir in the olive oil, heating it gently. When the mixture is thoroughly blended, set the pan over a small spirit or candle burner, and take it to the table to serve hot with

the vegetables. (serves 4 to 6) 8floz/230ml extra virgin olive oil freshly ground black pepper

Mix thoroughly, adding salt and pepper to taste, and serve in a small bowl to accompany the vegetables. (serves 4 to 6) 1tbsp finely chopped chives

1tbsp finely chopped parsley 1tsp fresh thyme leaves 2 cloves gartic, peeled and chopped 2oz/60g chopped walnuts

black peoper to taste 2floz/60ml walnut oil

1/2 pt/140ml sunflower or grapeseed

Mix the ingredients together in the order given, crushing the garlic and walnuts with the salt before slowly adding the oils and then finally the lemon juice.

Fish stew (Serves 6) Use a mixture of firm fleshed fish, such as halibut, conger eel, or monkrish. Pieces of salmon can be added, as well as a mixture of shellfish, such as fresh mussels scallops or prawns 1tbsp olive oil

onion, peeled and thinly sliced 3 leeks, white part only, washed and sliced into rings celery stalk, trimmed and sliced 6 cloves gartic, peeled and crushed 1ib/455g ripe tomatoes, peeled and seeded and roughly chopped, or 1 can peeled plum tomatoes

1tsp fennel seeds 11/2pt/850ml fish stock

3tb/1.35kg fish and shellfish, 4tbsp dry white vermouth

1-2 tablespoons chopped parsley, chives, chervil or cortander

Heat the olive oil in a large heavy saucepan or casserole, and sweat the onion, leeks, celery and garlic in it until soft, but not brown. Add the tomatoes, and cook until most of their juice evaporates. Carefully pare off two or three long curls of orange zest, then cut the orange in half, and squeeze out the juice. Put the juice and peel in the pan, together with the fennel seeds and a little of the fish stock. Cover and cook gently for 15 minutes. Where necessary, cut the fish into 2in/5cm chunks, and arrange on top of the vegetables. Pour on the vermouth and remaining fish stock. Bring gently to the boil, simmer for two to three minutes until the fish is just cooked, season to taste, stir in

the herbs, and serve immediately. Baked stuffed pears

(serves 4) 4 ripe but sound pears 1 lemon, cut in half 3oz/85g ricotta 1tbsp sultanas

1tbsp ground almonds 2tbsp clear honey

Peel the pears, and rub them all over with the cut lemon to prevent them discolouring. Remove the core, working from the base of the pear, cutting out a small plug first, which can be replaced, and then enlarging the core cavity. Mix the ricotta, sultanas, almonds and a teaspoon or two of the honey. Spoon this mixture into the pears, replacing the plug, and put the pears in a saucepan. Trickle the rest of the honey over them, and squeeze on the lemon juice. Cover and cook very gently until the pears are tender. Serve hot or cold with the cooking juices and thick

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DRINK

How does the 1988 vintage shape up? Jane MacQuitty separates the great from the good Playing Safe?

No one doubts that To one doubts the to one doubts the to one dou

o one doubts that the 1988 vintage in the Rhône was a great year. How great is the question. Everyone agrees that the '88 Rhônes are not in the same league as the superlative '78s, but after that the picture is less clear.

The problem when attempting to assess any Rhône vintage is that this wineproducing area is really two separate regions. The north, situated between Vienne and Valence, is the stronghold of the Syrah grape, and in fine years its steep, granite slopes produce extraordinarily rich, spicy, perfumed, full-bodied wines. The warmer, wider, flatter, more Mediterraneaninfluenced south, centred on Orange, is home to numerous red and white grape varieties, dominated by the robust, earthy, red Grenache grape. As a result the southern Rhône reds, and to a certain extent the whites, are bigger and beefier in style and have more in common with the wines of Provence to the south. This does not mean that the southern Rhône offerings are always eclipsed by. those of the north — the south's splendid Châteauneufdu-Papes, made by a first-class producer, equal the Syrahs of

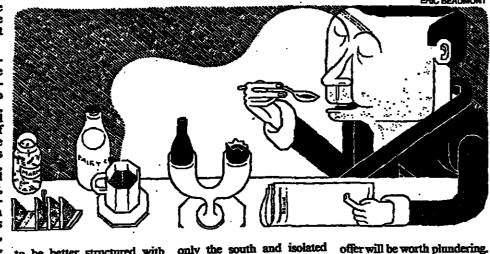
Because of the split personality of the Rhône, the message from its producers is often confused. The trouble is that while Monsieur X from Châteauneuf-du-Pape claims that this year's wines are the finest the Rhône has ever produced, Monsieur Y from Valence in the north will be grumbling about the Rhône's The word on the 1988

Rhônes has been further confused by rumours about the quality of the 1989 Rhône vintage. Although the '89 southern Rhones could possibly be superior to the '88s, everyone seems to agree that the northern 88s are much finer than the '89s. However, judging young, dense, tannic wines is always difficult and the 89 Rhone picture will not be complete until next spring, when most of them will have

Merchants in this country have placed the deep-coloured, rich, ripe, yet well-structured style of the '88 Rhônes between those of the Wine Society feels that "like same softer and earlier maturing, while the "88s tend

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Two-sided Rhônes



to be better structured with potential to keep longer". The Hungerford Wine Company believes the '88s "have more concentration, body and col-our than the '85s and more finesse than the '83s". Similarly, Tanners describes '88 Rhônes as "an exceptionally good vintage ... deeply col-oured, rich, fat wines full of spice and ripe fruit". I think that what separates the best '88s from other, more humdrum Rhône years is the extraordinarily intense, purpie-black colour, backed up by a powerful, heady, spicy perfume and a complex, tannic, structured palate with all the fruit, bite and backbone needed for ageing. The '88 Rhônes are clearly worth having in your cellar.
The Rhône's '88 weather

shaped the vintage. Things looked gloomy to start with, due to a wet, albeit mild, winter followed by a damp spring and early summer. The all-important flowering of the vine, which dictates quantity and quality, went better than expected, however, and it was

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only the south and isolated pockets in the north, such as Côte Rôtie, that had a poor flowering, accompanied by a lower yield. The hot, dry days of July and August and the occasional burst of beneficial rain ensured that quality nicked up, and a sunny September and October, with perfect harvest conditions between September 19 and October 6, set the seal on a quality

erhaps the best reason for purchasing the '88 Rhônes for your cellar is that they are tremendous value for money compared with the wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy. As a should track down J & B's result, more UK merchants are beginning to specialize in Rhône wines, and although best vintages of the big names Grenache-dominated, rich, tend to sell out quickly, there gamey taste is a bargain at are plenty of good Rhônes widely available.

Justerini & Brooks, 61 St James's Street, London SW1, has specialized in the wines of (£12.17) which has a spicy the Rhône for some time, and scent and glorious sandalits forthcoming '88 Rhône wood-influenced fruit.

fruit cake, instead of a cup of

• 1988 Château De Targé, Saumur Champigny, Hayner Hanson & Clark, 17 Lettuce

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Red wines from the Loire

may not be to everyone's taste, but the delicious,

Pays de Vauchuse Vieux Chêne is a testament to the excellence of the '88s, and are bargains at £3.30 a bottle. White Rhônes usually leave me cold, but do try Jaboulet's 388 Crozes-Hermitage, Mule Blanche which has a buttercup-gold colour and big, rich, buttery-citric taste (El Vino, 47 Fleet Street, London EC4, £6.90). Even finer is the white '88 Châtenneuf-du-Pape from Henri Brunier at the Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe. This wine has a flowery, delicate, time blossom and honey taste (J & B £9). Red Rhône fans splendid '88 Côtes du Rhône, Cuvée des Capucines from the Domaine Vieux Chêne. Its £3.90. The most sensational '88 red Rhône here is Pierre Gaillard's glorious '88 Côte Rôtie, Côte Brune et Blonde

The red and white pair of J&B's humble '88 Vin de

WINE BUYS All champagne has its quality ups and downs but Pierre Vaudon's distinctive elegant, waxy, brioche-like style has been more

nsistent than most.

 1982 Cháteau Caronne Ste Gemme, The Wine Society, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, £8.80. First-class '82 clarets are getting harder to come by, and this very fine, ripe, velvety-truffley Cru Bourgeois from the Haut-Médoc is drinking especially well at the moment.

Berry Bros & Rudd, across the road from J & B at 3 St James's Street, London SW1, has a choice of six '88 Rhônes in an offer that officially closed on February 26. It still has stocks of all the wines. however, so get your order in now. Like J & B, it has a clutch of bargain bottles, most notably the excellent, rich, smoky, juicy-fruity '88 Domaine de la Garenne from the Côtes du Ventoux (£3.18).

The star of its '88 Rhone show is a trio of Chapoutier reds that have been bottled by Berry's. They are slightly weightier blends than this well-regarded Rhône merchant's own bottlings. The Crozes-Hermitage (£55.20 a case) is the best buy here. I enjoyed this wine's seductively rich, ripe, blackberry and loganberry fruit. Even more magnificent is Berry's '88 Hermitage (£108 a case), whose wonderful, rich, complex, oaky-sappy structure is backed up by lashings of red and black summer fruits. Marginally less impressive is Berry's perfumed, hefty '88 Côte Rôtie (£132 a case) whose chunky tannin and oakdominated style will need more time to mature than most '88s. (Berry's prices include VAT, delivery and duty. These wines will be ready for

delivery at the end of April.)

The Wine Society, Gunnels

Wood Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, has a wide range of 88 Rhônes on offer, including most of the Jaboulet wines. The best of the mediumpriced Jaboulets is the straight '88 Crozes Hermitage, whose soft, scented, velvety, blackberry and redcurrant fruit is typical of what this house does best which the Wine Society does not sell, but Oddbins will sell it at the end of April for £5.69 a bottle. One up from this Jaboulet is the Domaine de Thalabert Crozes-Hermitage, which has a purple-black colour and seductive plum and blackberry fruit (The Wine Society £6.75, Oddbins £6.49, Adnams, The Crown, Southwold, Suffolk £6.50). The '88 vintage of Jaboulet's celebrated Hermitage La Chapelle is also worth considering (Adnams £17.50, Oddbins £18.99. The Wine Society £170 per case, excluding duty and VAT charges but includ-

ing delivery). Its opaque pur-

ple-black colour and

distinguished cedary-sappy

palate will not be worth

drinking until the turn of the

century, but you won't be

disappointed.

FOOD

Be something new to eat because irradiated food is stored longer its natural and irradiated chicken. Irradiation induced radioactivity is likely will become possible under the Government's Food Bill which an irradiated meal could achad its second Commons reading on Thursday.

Public reaction to the proposal tends to be extreme. In one survey 85 per cent of respondents said they would never buy irradiated food. That does not discourage Britain's biggest food retailer, Sainsbury, from saying that it will stock it. Indeed, Sainsbury's executives, challenged as to why their chicken supplies could not be 100 per cent salmonella-free, came back smartly with the reply: "They could be, with irradiation."

Yet irradiation would have had no impact at all on the three most recent major food scares — involving salmonella in eggs, listeria in cheese, and botulism in hazeluut purée. Eggs smell "eff" and pick up "irradiation flavour" even at low doses. Irradiation is no good for paté, either. It rains the texture and flavour. And botalism is caused by a bacterium whose spores resist irradiation at levels which are likely to be authorized.

Irradiation is not new or mtried. It has been around since the Swedes experimented with irradiating strawberries in 1916. Patents were taken out for killing parasites in meat with X-rays 60 years

Irradiated food is comme cially available in a score of countries, and permitted in a dozen more. Irradiation preserves the grain crop in the Soviet Union, cleans spices in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Hangary, Israel, The Netherlands, Norway, South The Africa, the US and Yugoslavia. In addition the Dutch can buy irradiated dried vegetables, poultry, fish, shrimps, and frog's legs; and the South Africans can have fruit, onious and potatoes.

Irradiation is already used in Britain, too — to sterilize medical equipment and animal foodstuffs.

The process does not make food radioactive. Food is naturally radioactive already, because it contains small quantities of long-lived radionuclides. The natural activity in meet amounts to about 100 becquerels. A sterilizing dose of radiation might induce

y Christmas there could another 10 becquerels, but tnally be up to a third less radioactive than a fresh one.

On the other hand, it is doubtful that irradiation would make food poisoning any less common. It could have the reverse effect. If food starts out highly contaminated with bacteria, irradiation will reduce the numbers of bacteria present without eliminating them. The survivors will then have a free field for rapid multiplication.

There is also the risk that, while removing microorganisms which make food smell or taste bad, the process could leave behind toxins created by bacteria, such as staphylococcus.

No one knows quite how radiation kills micro-organisms, but we know something about the way in which it affects food. It breaks down celluloses, pectins and starches, so that some fruits and vegetables lose their texture. Tomatoes become squishy; strawberries taste

Radiation can also set off chain reactions in fat which may (especially in the presence of oxygen) make food go rancid, so meats are usually irradiated already inside vacuum packs. It is not only animal fats that are affected. Irradiation makes coconuis taste sour, too.

It changes the molecules in the amino acids in ways which are not yet fully understood. One effect, though, is to make ment and poultry smell repulsive, unless the irradiation is carried out at sub-zero temperatures.

It breaks the peptide chains in collegen so that meat loses its texture. Lobsters turn black because radiation forms an amino acid called tyosine. And it destroys varying amounts of vitamins in most

Plainly irradiation is no panacea. Yet when the first irradiated fruit went on sale in the United States, grocers in Florida put out two bins of mangoes - one irradiated, the other fresh, and both clearly identified. The irradiated mangoes sold twice as fast as

Robin Young



Dinner is very nearly over. You pull the small, ICY **BOTTLE** of Petite Liquorelle from its bed of ice. Slowly, you unwrap the foil and await the gentle pop. The two waiting glasses turn GOLD as you pour, thousands of tiny bubbles rising LAZILY to the surface.

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PETITE LIQUORELLE PETBLIANTE JOS S CHUMBON

Family travels, up to a point

here are 28 Kavanaghs in the index of this dening book. But the P.J. Kavanagh who wrote it — poet, nov-elist, Spectator columnist — found it hard to come to grips with many of them. The searcher, he concludes, must be prepared to face the discovery that there are no connections at all, and the historian must

accept lacamae. Kavanagh, raised in England, Oxford-educated, living for nearly 30 years in Gloucestershire, still felt placeless, rootless - and mysteri-ously Irish. There was no known network of relations, no family stories, no "connections". Feeling a "need for sequence", he set out to find the connections for himself, travelling and talking and listening and researching in Ireland, Tasma-nia, New Zealand, and back to Ireland. He went alone. "You cannot try to make yourself of interest under the eye of someone who knows what you are like normally."

In England, "I seemed to belong to no class' at all". Kavanagh believed himself to have no social snobbery, or rather to have "that snobbery inverted", so his classlessness should have been a cause for rejoicing. But it made him anxious. And whether in his conspicuous English jacket and tweed hat in Carlow, or in bars and at barbecues down under, he found

himself self-conscious, class-con-scious even, "shaped by England". He knew some bare facts about the family before he started — that his great-grandfather had emigrated from Ireland to Van Diemen's Land, and then moved with his family to New Zealand; and that his father had come as a young man to Britain, married here, and stayed.

This is as much a travel book as a family history. Kavanagh writes

Victoria Glendinning tags along as P.J. Kavanagh sets out on a personal

odyssey overseas in search of his roots

FINDING

By P.J. Kavanagh

gloriously, with idiosyncratic punctuation and sentence structure, whether about his own anxiety and loneliness in the Tasmanian bush, the silvery skeletons of dead eucalypts, or Australasian suburbs covering areas as big as English counties. He works backwards into the grim years of the convict settlements (though the Kavanaghs were not convicts) and forwards into the materialistic culture of his New Zealand relatives who have conspicuously bettered themselves. Kavanagh found out just enough

about his family to make sense of bored by family trees. It's not that sort of book. He is interested in the differences

between people, especially the dif-ferences between the English and the Irish, which have to do with the transcendent assumptions of Catholicism (Kavanagh is a Catholic) and with attitudes to authority. All research into family history is a search for oneself, and this book is as autobiographical as the book he published in 1966, The Perfect Stranger, written to try to make sense of the death of his first wife,

Sally was the novelist Rosamund Lehmann's daughter, the bereaved mother found comfort and salvation through her access to the spirit world. Kavanagh too is surrounded by spirits, but he reaches them through poetry, imagination, and, here, through archives and local lore - which often proves false,

under scrutiny. "Nearly all the old stories collapse and few new ones

His father was Ted Kavanagh, the script-writer for Tommy Handley's ITMA, the most popular comedy programme in the history of radio, the one that is said to have kept the nation sane during the Second World War. Kavanagh quotes with irony the orotund fourth leader in *The Times* on his father's death, all about ITMA as a manifestation of national character" in time of war. But ITMA was

written by a Catholic Irishman reared in New Zealand; its CONNECTIONS basis was a suspicion of all authority, and all its characters

were, in their dotty way, subversive and on the fiddle. Kavanagh fils acknowledges that the Irish hijacked Catholicism, even Christianity; the English, maybe, hijacked everything else.

His father never talked about his own past, which was unhappy, fending off questions with jokes. Kavanagh tells a story about what his father said after Sally died which tells you a lot about him. "Now that something terrible has happened to you," he said humbly, "perhaps you'll write comedy?" The instinct to twist despair into humour is one Irish trait that Kavanagh has not inherited. The only joke in this book - that it should be called O'Roots - was made by somebody else. He hardly mentions his mother

he appeal of Louise Brooks,

that shooting star of the Jazz

Age whose crash so spectacularly brings to mind The Crack-Up,

and Fitzgerald's lament for "the

bright shock of a girl I'd never

known", runs and runs. Of all the

screen goddesses she seemed the

most within our sphere. Where Garbo and Dietrich were statu-

esque and remote, Brooks showed

grace (she trained as a dancer) and

spontaneity. While they mastered

the camera, she submitted to it, and

in this trust lay her greatness and

Her gaze on screen confirms the

power of cinema, of what the

French director Robert Bresson

called "the ejaculatory force of the

eye". But what Brooks craved most

was recognition of her intelligence.

She ended up in seclusion, writing

sharp, painful essays about her

uneven career, the Hollywood

racket, and film as art. It was these

partly that drew Kenneth Tynan to

seek her out in 1978, although as

his famous New Yorker essay

showed, he too was lured by that

bright shock of what he called "the

most seductive, sexual image of

Woman ever committed to

Brooks suffered her share of bad

timing. Her performance as Lulu in

what is now regarded as a summit

of silent cinema — Pandora's Box, filmed in 1928 from Wedekind's

play - redefined the art of screen

acting, but both she and the film

were dismissed by audiences greedy

Live hedonism and naivety were

the unconscious components of her Lulu, of what Wedekind called "the

personification of primitive sexual-

ity who inspired evil unaware". Her infamated director, G.W. Pabst, watched Brooks steer a reckless

for the novelty of sound.

at all. Maybe if he focused on her, he would find an equally significant inheritance? It might be the missing link. But this is a book about fathers and sons. His new and partial understanding of his paternal forebears has given him appoint to balance on". His balancing act consists in remaining an inact consists in remaining an in-dividual, taking his own path, within a sustaining tradition.

"It is as well to be tentative," writes Kavanagh. He is nothing if not tentative. He blurs his judgements with phrases like "within reasonable limits". He prefers the authority of priests to that of lawyers, or of secular ideologies, "up to a point". Cardinal Cullen made a connection between being Catholic and being Irish, "up to a point". D.H. Lawrence said that people were the same everywhere: "up to a point", concedes
Kavanagh. He himself had accepted the authority of the Church
"up to a point"—and here we get to
the point—"but it was around that point that my life was gathered". Kavanagh, contemplative and introspective, is a Desert Father.

balances on a point. It sounds painful, and it obviously is, but he likes it that way. He finds it "an unattractive thought" that anyone could feel wholly at home and comfortable in the world. And again, "it would be no sort of life if we felt entirely comfortable in it".

Put like that, the view from where he sits on his point seems perverse. He isn't exactly saying (which would be reasonable) that life is so cruel that no decent person could feel comfortable in it, but that whatever life's conditions, it's better to be a bit miserable. His conclusion is that in England, for him, the right thing is "to feel a stranger and yet feel at home". Well, that's the human condition, innit? Up to a point.

He does not sit on the fence, he





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Chris Petit LOUISE BROOKS By Barry Paris

course between the carefree and the careless, and worried that Lulu's tragedy awaited her, which it did in

large measure. The laddish "Brooksie", who had tried to compete with men on their own terms, found herself trading their dubious company for near destitution and a solitary bar stool. Her crack-up was almost identical to that described by Fitzgerald -they were, after all, both children of an age, and victims of early success a dreadful slow spiral of failure, as protracted as the rise had been fast, with the free spending and gregariousness of the public years collapsing into penury and isolation, into dumb submission, broken up by bursts of alcoholic rage,

xenophobia and paranoia.

Like Lulu, Brooks fell into prostitution; unlike her she was saved, most of all by her late determination to become a writer, when she finally turned to her own fractured life for material. She was proud of her writing, as a conscious achievement as opposed to the unconscious one of acting. And

how she slaved. The results - as full of insight as they are - have the brittleness of therapy and of ma-terial scraped painfully together. In the end she destroyed her autobiographies and chose not to reveal herself beyond cryptic asides. Tynan called her "the only unrepentant hedonist, the only pure pleasure-seeker I think I've ever

But Brooks found herself incapable of translating as much into prose. "In writing the history of a life," she wrote, "I believe ab-solutely that the reader cannot understand the subject unless he is given a basic understanding of that person's sexual loves, and hates, and conflicts . . . I am unwilling to write the sexual truth that would

make my life worth reading." Thus Brooks's own "Rosebud" remains deliberately hidden. Unfortunately, this first biography of her fails to rise to the challenge, not least because of the prose of Barry Paris, master of the pointless sentence: "It was the sort of article in the sort of magazine that English drama critic-author and bon vivant Kenneth Tynan would have read had he been in London, which he

He amuses himself with clodhopping puns at the expense of the reader's patience, already taxed by the sort of exhaustive, dogged chronology that passes now for biography. Brooks's life was too full of ellipses and secret currents to be caught in something so obviously straightforward as this: she more than her biographer would have understood Fitzgerald's thesis that life has a varying offensive. What Paris opts for is a solid trudge that serves only to reinforce the enigma Brooks was so careful to protect. Last laugh, Louise.

Stubborn rise of

Boris Yeltsin is a new phenomenon in Soviet society - a politician who has been able to make a successful comeback, after falling foul of the Communist Party hierarchy, by enlisting public opinion on his side. The crucial vehicles for his comeback have been competitive elections (introduced at a national level only last year) and the new Soviet legislature which is a very different political institutional body from the rubber-stamp Supreme Soviet

and rise again is a fascinating one. There are very few memoirs by Soviet politicians who have held office as high as Yeltsin's, and none which contains as much frank comment both on the system and on former colleagues.

Khrushchev's come closest and because of the power Khrushchev had once wielded are even more important - but they were dictated for foreign publication in the Brezhnev era, and Khrushchev indulged in rather more self-censorship than Yeltsin has permitted

The times, of course, are very different, but if in the Soviet Union they have changed enormously - to the extent that Yeltsin can come to Britain to publicize a book that contains unflattering references to a majority of members of the current Politburo - that is due more than any other person to the man Yeltsin describes as "my perpetual oppo-nent, the lover of half measures and half-steps", Mikhail Gorbachov.

Yeltsin has played his own notable part in the radicalization of the Soviet political agenda, but he recognizes that in the transition to the kind of part-authoritarian, part-pluralist political system to be found in the Soviet Union today, Gorbachov played a decisive role. He launched perestroika, says

Archie Brown

AGAINST THE GRAIN An Autobiography By Boris Yeltsm
Translated by Michael
Glenny
Jonathan Cape, £12.95

Yeltsin, while still surrounded people determined to preserve to so much as a hiccup". In Gorbachov outmanoeuvred the with "amazing finesse".

Finesse is not Yeltsin's most obvious attribute. But he has of a qualities, amply demonstrated in recent years, which emerge clearly in his book. They include course. honesty, an independence of spirit and immense stubbornness Yeltsin could not have got a quarte of the reform through the Polithur and the Central Committee that Gorbachov has. But now that Soviet citizens have become a significant force in political life. Yeltsin is a force to be reckoned

The most popular plank in his programme is his opposition to privilege and to the party apparatus. The authority of the latteris unlikely to recover from the advent of competitive elections - and it is to the court of public opinion that Yeltsin has been able to appeal against his rough treatment at the hands of former colleagues in the Soviet leadership.

Nothing in this book (except heroic volleyball when young in 1) Urals) suggests, though, that Yeltsin is one of nature's team players. Acceptance of other per ple's decisions, and abiding by norms of collective solidarity, do not come easily to him. If he could

Surviving to make a home from home

Apparently the editors in the children's book division of Viking receive almost 80 unsolicited manuscripts a week; and apparently, after due process, almost \$0 a week are returned as unacceptable. What therefore must they have thought when they started on Against the Storm: Mehmet did not understand how anyone could talk of going away in the spring ... — a low-key opening to a story set in Turkey by an unknown author with an unpronounceable name?

Well, it may be low-key, but it is direct and as Mehmet is drawn into his parents' ill-considered scheme to go and live in Ankara,

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

AGAINST THE STORM By Gaye Hicyilmaz strated by Mei-Yim Low Viking, £7.99

the directness and the acute observation of Gaye Hicyilmaz carry the reader with him. Quite apart from leaving the place that ought to be home, there is the problem of smuggling Korsan along an Anatolian shepherd-dog, not easy to hide on a Turkish bus, And when the family and Korsan settle down in their grisly, jerry-built quarters, there are multiplying problems — making a living, for one thing, and, for another, finding a modus vivendi with Uncle Yusuf and his frightful family.

The small, passionate complica-

tions of this new life are not susceptible to easy fictive solutions (even though a fairy godmother of a kind does put in an appearance). Terrible things happen: illness, humiliation, death. But Mehmet is a survivor, and as the book closes. "a sort of justice" has been done, and a satisfying victory achieved. It is a sort of justice too for

Viking, that in all the dire traffic of unpublishable manuscripts something as fresh and as powerful as this should emerge.

wo men are riding to a battle.
One is a tall, handsome, happy young man in the scarlet and blue of the Life Guards, on a beautiful black horse. The other is also a tall man, dark with a scarred face, wearing patched French cavalry boots, carrying two rifles, a pistol and a cavalry sword. and with a faded, patched green jacket in which he has fought his

way up the ranks in the army. Readers of the 10 earlier books on his career will recognize Richard Sharpe. He has just been appointed a lieutenant-colonel in the Fifth Belgium Light Dragoons, com-manded by the Prince of Orange.

It is part of Bernard Cornwell's achievement in this series that it has never flagged, and there never seems to be any padding. Each book has been focused on a particular battle, which has given the whole a framework on which the personal side of Sharpe's life (often disastrous) has been interwoven with his working life as a soldier in Wellington's armics.

The Duchess of Richmond's ball in Brussels is set to be a fair disaster for Sharpe - his estranged wife Jane and her lover, Lord John Rossendale (the handsome young man in the Life Guards), both intend to be there.

Moreover, the Vicomtesse de Seleglise, with whom Sharpe has been living in her Château Ferme in France, and who is the mother of his four-month-old son, has also received an invitation.

Off to

The weather was beautiful the day it began, with Sharpe observing a very large number of French troops crossing the border into Belgium

Philipp SHARPES By Berge

HIST

and barely es-caping with his life. Information was scarce, intelligence was very poor. There are many accounts of the battle of Waterloo, fought by an enormous army loyal to the Emperor faced by the British Army and its none-too keen allies. There is a brilliant and terrifying description of the who't of the French Army set out in the sun, and for Sharpe, the first sight

of the Emperor. The downpours of rain, the odd encounters in the battle between friend and enemy, the fact (rather: than the legend) that the men killed"; incompetent officers, cups of teach (or "smouch") brewed on the battlefield, the horror of death and injury, the broad sweep of charge and counter-charge, the devastating? fire that finally defeated the French



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Eastern promises

Swift has been overtaken, like the entire issue itself, by time's winged contributing to our enlightenment has been forgotten, this latest issue of Granta will still be regarded as an chariot, which is no respecter of copy deadlines and production schedules. George Steiner admits as The pole-positioning of a travel much in the opening paragraph of his contribution: "I am writing this note on 5 December 1989. It may be absurdly dated by the time it essay by the novelist Graham Swift at the front of the issue implicitly acknowledges our ignorance of the other half of the continent. Swift travelled to Prague at the time of appears." The note which follows is November's peaceful revolution to part of an impressive anthology of seek out and interview a missing reflective articles (among the other writer, Jiri Wolf, who had been imprisoned for 10 years. While the contributors are Hans Magnus Enzensberger, Isaiah Berlin, Czeslaw Milosz, Ivan Klima and labyrinthine search has satisfying Stephen Spender) collected under the title "The State of Europe Christmas Eve 1989". By that date, elements of suspense and intrigue, what gives the piece its character is the naïvety of the searcher -- liberal and compassionate, but ultimately lost on the sidelines as the great the day before the Ceansesons were executed, the Romanian poet Mircea Dinescu had been seen in Through no fault of his own, news bulletins throughout the

e know more about East-

his book could hardly be

more timely, since the most recent official survey

shows a dramatic link between workers at Sellafield and

leukaemia in their children. For over three decades now, the radi-ation at Sellafield has been the

subject of a folklore which shifted

from wry jokes and rumours about giant lobsters in the late 1950s, to the persistent allegation of higher

than average cancer rates among

workers and local residents by the late 1970s. Jean McSorley's book is written

around the testimony of workers at the plant and locals who suffered

from cancer, or whose relatives did.

These are harrowing stories, not only because of the subject, but because of the patient and uncomplaining way in which these working-class people accept the dishonesty, inefficiency and inattention of those placed in authority to look after their interests.

ity to look after their interests, Although McSorley's record as a

long-term campaigner leads one to

expect a partisan approach, there is

no note of hysteria, and the effect is clear, convincing and moving.

The conclusions drawn from this

book are not necessarily that

nuclear power is wrong, or even especially hazardous in itself. Other

sabel Allende's worldwide popularity is not hard to understand. She tells fascinating tales, full of adventure, pathos and love. Her

characters are well-drawn and

amusingly eccentric, often almost

Dickensian. The tone is uplifting, full of compassion, humour and

warmth, but rarely sentimental

This novel has the additional

charm of a girl-child, at the mercy

of circumstances, as heroine. The

narrator's younger self, Eva Luna, sees the world with a brave,

innocent eye and makes the reader

of seven, by her godmother. Her

follow her fortunes.

ern Europe than we did a year ago, though not as much as we will another year on. When most of the freshly minted literature which is daily

important document.

events unfold.

Jasper Rees on an anthology of **European writing** already out of date

Granta/Penguin, £5.99 world participating in the hijack of the nation's television network: when he wrote his piece for Granta, which pessimistically examines the possibilities for life after Stalinism. he was still under house arrest.

THE NEW EUROPE

The rapid turn of events does not invalidate Dinescu's contribution any more than it does the rest of the issue. Several of the pieces in this section are specifically about time. not just its winged chariot but also its slow coach. The novelist Josef Skyorecky points out that although 1989's upheaval came at the right moment for Czechoslovakia's 20year-olds, and perhaps even her 40year-olds, it arrived too late to fulfil the dreams of her 60-year-olds. One yearns to know if it is too late for Skyorecky to terminate his long exile.) Noel Annan, who supervised the creation of political parties in the Britsh sector of Berlin, and Werner Krätschell, a prominent

cultural refrigeration. The one dismally false note is provided by Tony Benn, who invokes the great Soviet achieve-ments since 1917 and cites 1989 as

Protestant clergyman in East Ber-

lin, are eloquent on the city's long

the year the workers were betrayed. But if writing about the East does not show the western socialist in the most favourable light, there are others who fare better. For eastern novelists there is the long-awaited chance to publish and not be damned Victoria Tokareva and Ludmilla Petrushevskaya, who, the notes on contributors inform us, "are regarded as being in the vanguard of a new generation of Soviet fiction writers", contribute witty but pained short stories about living and loving in cramped

For western historians the time has finally come to turn their attention from systems to peoples, from the unreal overview to the microscopic examination. Neal Ascherson's "The Borderlands", which describes the potent ethnic mix in a little-visited corner on the Polish-Byelorussian border, is as informative and clear-headed a piece of writing on the subject as one could wish for.

Nanny knows best

Anna Bramwell

LIVING IN THE SHADOW: The Story of the People of Sellafield By Jean McSorley
Pan, £5.99

forms of energy production, such as coal, have vastly higher rates of sickness, death and injury. McSorley shows very fairly that most of the locals and workers welcome the plant, the jobs, the high pay, and resent the anti-nuclear activists. In an area of traditional hardship and chronic unemployment, that is hardly surprising. But they should have the right to be informed of the dangers so they can make decisions

about risk and reward in an informed manner

The main lesson is to continue to press for less secrecy and more responsiveness in British govern-ment, and less sloth and carelessness from the medical, union and

After Chernobyl, the rapid re-action of the West German govern-ment helped avoid a backlashagainst nuclear power. Here, the authorities have barely admitted that there is a problem, just as, according to Ms McSorley, they have failed to tell us that 800 local farms were contaminated with strontium-90.p

Why? They don't want the bother and the fuss, They don't want to have to compensate those affected. The "we know best" attitude of the early welfare state has combined with the new brutalism of the nuclear power industry to lead to a shoddy, secretive meanness, which is frightening in its arrogance.

The cover-up is not necessary. It never was. And despite the obviously partisan approach of books like these, they are essential to the process of controlling the nanny state, an incompetent nanny who goes off and gets drunk with the other nannies while the children stuff their mouths with rags.



Rural scene: George Birkett clipping a Herdwick ewe in Little Langdale, an illustration from Melvyn Bragg's guide to the Lake District, Land of the Lakes, published in paperback next week (Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95)

born in Soviet citizen



ik comment: Boris Yeltsin pays tribute to his "perpetual opp

to a different system, it is stful if he would have lasted a sent longer in Mrs Thatcher's net than in Mr Gorbachov's eadership team.

it since the Soviet Union has a surfeit of hierarchical ardination and collective larity over the years, Yeltsin's ung of the rules of the game has h to commend it.

here is, however, little in the to suggest that Yeltsin has got fuick answers to improving et living standards, which he es Gorbachov for failing to hice. He oversimplifies, when uggests that last year's miners' es provided an opportunity to

introduce the radical economic reform which is still only very partially implemented. Instant rad-

If I find little or no evidence in Against the Grain that Yeltsin could have led the Soviet Union in recent years more successfully than Gorbachev, that is not to devalue his contribution. To help turn the Soviet parliament into a secious critic of the executive, and to help put political substance into the officially-proclaimed "pluralism of opinion" may yet turn out tobe Yeltsin's most important achievements. A healthy political system should not only tolerate but cherish

ical reform would have put many of the miners out of a job.

Teasing tales of optimism

Frances Hill

EVA LUNA

By Isabel Allende

Penguin, £4.99

include living in a brothel under the benign care of the inventor of an automatic telescoping penis. Through her

anxious for her welfare and keen to with a guerrilla birth "in the back room of a leader Eva helps

shadowy house . . . amidst ancient furniture, books in Latin, and mount an operation to release the inmates of a local prison. In the end human mummies . . ." in the capital town of an unnamed South she meets and marries her soul-American country. Her mother was mate, a television news reporter. Meanwhile, during all these adventhe servant of an eccentric embalmer and her father an Indian dying of a snakebite. After her times, she has told stories to anyone who will listen and eventually mother's demise from swallowing a becomes a writer of television chickenbone Eva was sent out to serials. work as a servant herself, at the age

Allenda is loved for many of the

ALSO FIEMON AS A centuries. Some modern readers. used to trim works with at least as much theme as story, may find the

> rative tiresome. As one tale follows another they may wonder if the book passes the "so what?" test.

And some may find the optimistic tone uncongenial. The name "Eva" means life, and the character of Eva represents the acceptance and celebration of life in all aspects. The kindly brothel-keeper had intended to shield Eva from the seamier side but abandoned the

attempt when "she found me ready to devour the world, errors and

The heroine, despite her early trials, is extraordinarily well-adjusted. She forgives everyone who has harmed her. But then, she tells, us, "when I write, I describe life as I would like it to be".

What is very modern about this book is the author's teasing. The narrator constantly reminds us that she is a professional tale-spinner and we have no reason to trust her. At the end she lays her cards on the table and they are all jokers.

"Later, for a judicious period of time, we loved each other more modestly until that love wore thin and nothing was left but shreds.
"Or maybe that isn't how it

happened. Perhaps we had the good fortune to stumble into an exceptional love . . .

For the reader who takes to the combination of good old-fashioned story-telling and post-modern consciousness, this novel is unbeatable. The only flaw is the occasional lapse from shrewd, humorous acceptance of life to cloying

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The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books: FICTION

Daiva, by Jim Harrison (Picador, £4.99). Mythic portrait of America from indian wars to Vietnam. Sunrising, by David Cook (Arena, £4.99). Romantic and radical historical of Cath among the values of Dickensian London. My Madness, The Selected Writings of Anna Kavan, edited by Brian W. Aldiss (Picador Classics, £6.99). Sci-fi dislocations.

NON-FICTION Antaeus, Literature as Pleasure. ed. by Daniel Halpem (Collins Harvill, £6.95) Writers reading.

Horsesweat and Tears, A year in John Dunlop's racing stable, by Simon Barnes (Mandarin, 23.99 Milens, by Margarets Buber-Neumann, translated by Raiph Manheim (Collins Harvill, 25.95) Life of Katka's great love told by fellow-prisoner in Ravensbrück Neural Darwinism, by Gerald M. Edelman (Oxford, £9.95). Nobel laureate's neuronal vision of how the brain develops and functions

Jriginal species

ber now, but what did the word mean before Terence Conran got hold of it and turned it forever into an invocation of pine beds and cheap table lamps? The central characters in Penelope Lively's Passing On are simple, middle-aged, provincial folk, who have never in their lives coveted a "Lotus-Flower cotton dhurrie" or "Sintra occasional table", but they are as intimately identified with their habitat as are the beasts

of the field or the birds of the air. In this superb novel, Lively takes what you might call a David-Bellamy's-eye-view of her characters. She presents Helen and Edward Glover

(sister brother aged 52 and 49) as an endangered species, and observes them at close quarters in cited tones. At the beginning of the book, their mother has just

realize, the title has further implications, since everything else in the world has "passed on", too. Stranded by progress, the Glovers are dupes of a pathetic fallacy they have grown up believing that if you leave nature alone, it will behave like a gent and return the favour. But, as their dog Tam repeatedly demonstrates, nature isn't like that.

their house is practically a ruin, and their piece of land a virtual jungle. Brother and sister obstinately resist the suggestion - made often by their younger sibling Louise, and the local entrepreneur Ron Paget that they "adapt". They would rather risk extinction than upset the only ecological system they know. It is no surprise that their fear and inertia can be traced back to Mum - a woman whom Edward

make me laugh," her mother continues to tell her from beyond the grave. "Who do you think you're fooling?" In the end, both Helen and Edward — through the pain of admitting, and acceding to their own desires - shake off Mother a little, and start to live. Like weeds forcing their way through concrete, their own "pass-ing on" is painful and involuntary, but biologically inescapable.

There are nasty inner voices, too, in both Alice Thompson's Killing Time, and Simon Rees's Making a Snowman. Joined together in a volume that might usefully be titled "It's A Funny Old World When

You're a Schiz' both are feverish vival fantasies, and both suggest authors who each house morning and tell their dreams to the first person they see.
Killing Time

woman called Cora, haunted by an incestuous episode, rides the Underground, and is picked up by a young man who lives permanently in tunnels (he has a pad somewhere downtrack of Oxford Circus). The story - involving murder, doubles, and beautiful people with long hair - is impenetrable, and the 48 short chapters go kerchunking past with all the charm and excitement of an out-of-service train leaving you

If you want the voice of authentic loony, turn to Making a Snowman. where the narrator is in thrall to his woven thing of twigs and wires, held together by shadows at the joints". Never has fiction shown me the world in such a bony light.

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arden of the Queen's March, Nigel Tranter (Hodder & ghton, £12.95). Seeing Mary m of Scots disembarking on a rday in August, Thomas Kerr, wher 18, was her man for life. and heir of a Border chief of a Ptrooping clan, Thomas stayed to Mary - unlike practically rone else in this tale of hery and self-seeking, seen this the eyes of a man who was a courtier. The 80-year-old ors energy never flags in his

and Stone, by Dinah Dean ie & Jenkins, £12.95). What agently bred Norman girl do if

she neither wants to marry nor, as her family has decreed, go into a convent? Lady Elys finds the solution on a pilgrimage to Rome, where she falls in with a party that includes Aylwyn of Winchester, a Saxon master mason. In the middle of the war between Stephen and Matilda, Elys becomes a pro-fessional embroiderer for the great church at Waltham Abbey. A pleasant, agreeably written novel, based on the historical facts of life in those unpleasant times.

● Lottie Trayo, by E.V. Thompson (Macmillan, £12.95). Sixth in a Retallick return from Africa to find the mining industry almost at a standstill. Trouble at the mine indeed. To the background of copper, tin, and finally arsenic mining, mixed with Methodism and early trade unionism, various romances come to their predictable

conclusions.

series on the Retallick family of Comwall: Josh and Miriam

• Whilem, by Robert Watson (Bloomsbury, £13,99). Take Shakespeare's well-known play, set it in the Athens of Theseus and not the Warwickshire countryside, shake it up well, continue the story of the lovers and Theseus and his Amazonian queen Hippolyta. Provide Nick Bottom the weaver with a close working relationship with the fairies, and a talking donkey, and you find a sport among historical novels - and very good fun, too.

Lynne Truss and PASSING ON By Penelope Lively

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"passed on", but, as we come to is the less impressive work. A

They are stuck in the mud good and proper; but they like it. Thus

remembers from infancy as "ar-

mour-plated, like the rhino in

London Zoo". To Helen, she is

more like a parrot, squawking out

an incessant stream of ridicule,

own skeleton — "the bone-man". He longs to be rid of this tyrant: "I would hand him over, to be filleted out of me, drawn from my flesh like a carcase of a goose boned for roasting." Again, it is hard to make sense of the story — but who cares?
After reading Simon Rees, you literally see right through people. "empty as a basket or a birdcage, a

stranded at Hendon Central.

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Alan Lewens, for Arena on BBC 2, scored a notable hit last night with, amazingly, the first-ever detailed television profile of Fred Zinnemann. The director of High Noon, A Man for All Seasons, Day of the Jackal and half a dozen other classics is now in his early 80s and seldom talks to anyone about his work.

Zinnemann's career spans half a century; a middle-European, California immigrant, he began as an extra in All Quiet on the Western Front and by the mid-1930s was working with Robert Flaherty, who gave him the documentary training that has always been at the heart of his best pictures.

Zinnemann started the film careers of Marlon Brando, Mont-gomery Clift, Grace Kelly and Edward Fox. If his films have a common theme it is that of grace under pressure. All his major screen figures, from Kelly in High Noos to Paul Scofield in Man for All Seasons and Vanessa Redgrave in Julia, have been people for whom spiritual conflict is the key to their destiny.

Buried in a long, gentle interview with Zinnemann were one or two bombshells which will necessitate the re-writing of Hollywood history. High Noon was never intended to be an anti-McCarthy parable, and Sinatra did not get From Here to Eternity by Malia pressure, merely the unavailability of Eli Wallach.

Lewens tactfully avoided any mention of the 1982 Five Days One

Summer, which sadly ended Zinnemann's career, but his film was excellent on the earlier years and got a couple of wry grins out of the director recalling his producer, Harry Cohn, who reckoned that a docamentary was a movie with no broads, and that a semi-documentary meant having only one broad on camera. It might have been good to hear some of his actors discussing his techniques but, beyond that, this was vintage movie history.

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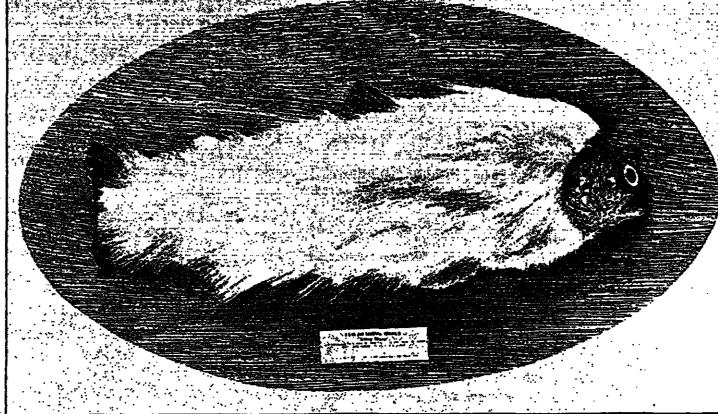
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Museum, Joseph Connolly sees the latest Shakespeare play, garden fairies, and a mer-man

hat is a fake? The longer one spends at the British Museum's compatition Museum's compelling new exhibition, Fake? The Art of Deception, the more insistently the question asserts itself. Even the exhibition's title takes the form of an interrogative. For although the word "fake" is usually spoken in contempt, implying something that is despicable and worthless, it soon becomes apparent that the major-ity of exhibits here are beautiful, having been the subject of much lavish skill and high artistry. In short, many possess real value. In its attempt to define a fake,

the exhibition brings together the most varied and fascinating array of materialized deception imaginable. Many comparisons elu-cidate the criteria by which fakes might be adjudged, while the cuigmas seem deliberately and impishly placed simply in order to bamboozle. Take, for instance, the case of the rock-crystal skull, for many years assumed to date from pre-Hispanic Mexico; now, its origins are anyone's guess.

An intention to deceive seems to be the key. During this opening fortnight of the exhibition a talented artist called Susie Ray will be painting a Ganguin in full view of school-children who in time, one feels sure, will make her wish she had plumped for a Pollock. The fact that she is not creating this canvas in secret, with intent to pass it off as a real Gauguin, demonstrates her innocence: what we have is a copy, a truth exemplified by the artist's company: "Susie Ray Originals".



"Far Bearing Trout": rabbit far was added by a Canadian prankster, who suggested that the "coldness of the water" accounted for its growth

monkeys.

As the exhibition makes clear, financial gain is far from being the sole motivation for fakery. Sometimes fakers will tell you that they do it all for a joke (particularly when they are caught). That was half-true of folk-hero Tom Keating, who admitted that he enjoyed cocking a snook at the art establishment, while not actually turning down the loot. We all rather like the "experts" to look like fools; today, a Keating "Samuel Palmer" would not quite fetch as much at auction as a genuine Palmer, but it is arguable as to which artist is the better known.

Sometimes propaganda is the spur, as in the case of the Nazi forgery of a war-time Evening Standard announcing the anni-hilation of the RAF. And of

course, it can be literally a matter of life and death, as with the brilliantly counterfeited visas executed by Colcutz inmates, complete with Gestapo stamps, painstakingly carved from hnoleum.

But on the evidence of this exhibition, vicarious glory and reflected esteem seem to emerge as the prime objectives: faked history and ancestry abound. Possibly inspired by Shakespeare's famous dedicatory preface to the Sonnets, a Mr W H Ireland contracted a habit of unearthing letters and documents, all hand-written by the Bard. Eventually, in 1796, he overstepped the mark by "coming across" an complete Shakespeare text entitled "A Hystorycaille Playe Off Kynge Henrye The

Among the hundreds of exhibits, ranging from the Far East to the West Coast of America and from ancient Babylon to the present day, are some so ludicrous that it is difficult to believe that anyone could have been bothered to fake them. Even more incredible is the fact that quite sane people were fooled. In this cate-gory come the "Cottingley Fairy Photographs" (cut-outs attached to trees by means of hat-pins, photographed, and subsequently hailed as genuine by Arthur Conan Doyle) and the diminutive remains of "Mer-men", cobbled up from remains of fish and

But top prize must go to that remarkable species, "Fur Bearing Trout (Very Rare)", a hoax twice

over, since public demand to see it was so great that the Royal Scottish Museum had to recreate it, having once discarded it as a fake. From the caveat emptor department we learn that fake Vuitton luggage, Rolex watches and Lacoste shirts are quite as nasty as the originals, and that we should avoid buying Gords Gin, Johnnie Hawker Scotch and Yardley Talc "by appointment to HM The Queen and the Queen

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Sisterly feelings

Martin Cropper

The last of the current Soundtrack documentaries (Radio 4) began arrestingly with a rubber-duck female voice announcing: "My name is Katie. That is not my real name and this is not my real voice." So how much of her was left, exactly? Her personality? But that was the problem. Unlike most Americans, who are simultaneously all the same person and no one in particular, "Katie" was burdened with a surfeit of personalities. Now back with just the one, she felt obliged - in telling

her remarkable story while still

hiding her identity - to stash her

real self behind a fictional one. "Katie" consisted of the following three girls aged two, four and eight; a spunky teenage boy; two child-molesters; two sexually active adults and a latently homicidal woman. "Then there's me —
I am a male even though I'm anatomically a female." This was not
so much like The Three Faces of Eve as like census day on Mount Olympus. There were practical problems. Seated behind the wheel of her parked car and finding herself temporarily juvenile, she would have to wait for one of the adult "persons" to emerge before she could drive off.

Born into a wealthy family, she had as a child suffered physical torture from her alcoholic mother and prolonged sexual abuse from her charming father. Her affective circuits being shot, she retreated into a psychic repertory company, from which she was eventually rescued by a persistent mouse of an English therapist.

A cynic might conclude that a multiple-personality case, com-prising as it does both sexes and several age-groups, would be the perfect target for advertisers; they, after all, know as much about regressive infantilism as psychiatrists. It was interesting to hear from the psychiatrists how far the pursuit of happiness has been upstaged by the hunt for "good

First harvest on new stage

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Watch out, chaps," called an anxious ASM as; we reviewers were taken on a pre-performance tour of the stage. "If you stand in you'd fall through." The disappearance of half the nation's theatre critics through a trap door into some subterranean abyss might have made a more sensational opening for the West Yorkshire Playhouse than what actually happened: the cutting of a bright purple ribbon by Diana Rigg, a totally mandible speech by the Lord Milyor of Leeds, and rockets exploding in the sky to organ music from the car park.

However, we survived to take our places in the semi-circle of scats rising steeply above a stage that had, as it turned out, better things to do than ingest writers. Indeed, one good reason for launching the theatre with Wild Outs was that its action shifts from road to mansion, from pub to wood, allowing the machinery to demonstrate its sophistication. Pillars and signposts swept down from the flies, gates and shrubs and tables popped up through the floor, and bits of house came gliding in from the wings.

The correct term for the theatre's overall architecture is, it seems, "romantic pragmatism". That is to say, its girders, pillars and brickwork variously evoke Victorian warehouses, Japanese pagodas, children's build-it-yourself villages and the cottage-like eateries you sometimes find cutely nestling in modern shopping centres or beside super-highways. But no one can criticize the main anditorium, with its deep, broad acting space and its excellent sightlines and acoustics. The Quarry Theatre, as it is called. might be a smaller, more serviceable Olivier; and before long it will be joined by the Courtyard, a flexible, Cottesloe-like box.

But back to John O'Keeffe's late 18th-century comedy. An even better reason for doing it is that, at a time when theatre people were still regarded as riff-raff, it defi-antly defended the actor's voca-

tion and proclaimed the dignity of the drama itself. True, much of it is conventional if lively stuff, an appealing young orphan, rap-turously in love with a rich maiden, ends magically provided with father, mother, titled back-

ground, and, of course, wife.

What is unusual, though, is the egalitarianism of the heroine, Lady Amaranth, and the calling of the hero. Rover is a wandering player, given to greeting strangers with bewildering speeches from Hamlet or Lear. He is also bonest and brave. Despite the hostility of puritanism as represented by an English Tartuffe, he convinces the closeted Amaranth that "to hear a good play is taking the wholesome draught of precept from a golden cup embossed with gems".

One must applaud the new theatre for carrying that message to the good people of Yorkshire in

so celebratory a way. Perhaps Jude Kelly's production is a bit broad at times. One actor titters too often, another mugs too much, a third cannot enter except at the run and comically holding up her apron. Over-acting is a temptation when unsmiling dignitaries are present in numbers, as they were on opening night; but it especially needs resisting when the main character is an act or whose genial histrionics are supposed to distinguish him from everyone else.

Yet with Reece Dinsdale performing that task with charm and wit, Geraldine Fitzgerald providing plenty of warmth as Amaranth, and decent support from Robert Austin, Murray Melvin and others, it still adds up to a bullish start for the Playhouse. Leeds, long missing from the nation's theatrical map, is on it at



Sowing their wild oats: Robert Austin (Thunder), Sam Kelly (Dory)

CONCERT Paul Griffiths

Matrix/Ziegler **Broadcasting House**

As part of the BBC's current Scandinavian spree, this concert brought us four works by four different composers from four different countries, although the selection was rather less bewildering because all pieces featured

string orchestra, and the first three were all predominantly slow. Written in 1965, Adagio by the icelander Jon Nordál represents a

a traditionally educated composer coming to terms with the new avant-garde - which here, as so often, essentially meant rejecting the avant-garde to go back to old ways. The piece, with the strings joined by flute, harp and piano, consists of broad successive planes founded on small patterns of

Sibelian objectivity. Daniel Bortz, from Sweden, offered a symmetrical expansion from, and contraction back to, quiet stillness in his Night Clouds for strings alone, moving through glistening sustained sounds and heftier nightmares. The Norwe-

notes, and proceeding with a

A mosaic of Scandinavian motifs gian Cecilie Ore's Strata, also for strings alone, then introduced us to deep, and often deep-voiced, movements of tone, sculpted with an electronic feeling for sound

> Finally the Dane, Poul Ruders, the only one of these composers at all familiar here, was represented by his Concerto for violin, strings. harpsichord and harp, a mosaic of baroque and other motifs done to death as minimalist ostinatos, altogether conveying a curious impression of suave barbarism. Rebecca Hirsch, the soloist, gave a performance of bite and intensity, ably supported by the Matrix Ensemble under Robert Ziegler.

DANCE John Percival

Edge The Place

Sne Mackennan calls her latest work a science fantasy. It starts with one of the dancers, Catharine Tucker, giving berself a warning against the dangers of having ideas, and ends 60 minutes later with MacLegnan in similar terms indicating that the time to look out is when you hear yourself making a noise like cat's dream.

the moon which Tucker and two other dancers undertake, or it could simply be that they are all loonies. Somewhere along the way they meet MacLennan, whose long solo looked to me like the incantation of a cat goddess.

The three younger dancers (Andrea Buckley, Catharine Tucker and Andrew Hammerson) have a lot of a very busy movement; MacLennan herself concentrates more on tiny but perfect detail, such as passing from tiptoe to walking on her heels in the course of three or four steps. For all of them there are enigmatic hand movements: MacLennan's own gestures seem much influenced

by Eastern and Indian styles. She says that a starting point for Edge was growing interest in scientific thought, although a comic novel by Carol Hill, Amanda and the 11 Million High Dancer, was also influential.

Better perhaps, rather than worrying about this, to concentrate on the curious energy of the piece, which the dancing shares with Lindsay Cooper's insidiously jazzy score. Magdalen Rubalcava's costumes are kinky and colourful, and MacLennan is one of the most enterprising and imaginative of our independent choreographers, which is perhaps why the Arts Council has just cut her off without



Sue MacLennan: solo in Edge

CPERA Hilary Finch

Don Pasquale Swan, Stratford

The latest way of maintaining stamina in an opera company during a long tour seems to be by building aerobics into the act. I had never imagined the overture to Don Pasquale as music for a fitness routine; but here the routines work marvels for Peter Knapp's Travelling Opera, on the road with a show only the most pursedlipped Donizetti purist would find

anything but invigorating.

Their Don is a fitness freak, living in modern-day Tuscany surrounded by a team of cat-suited never sing in any other language. But wait, they do. Peter Knapp. directing, knows that there are Italian, and comic capital to be or their audiences.

Fit for Tuscan frolics invested in sprinting between the

two languages. So, Dr Malatesta (Alan Oke) is

allowed his first aria in Italian, because Norina is "far too beautiful to be described in English". Likewise, "Povero Ernesto" (David Fieldsend) is given his head both here and in his garden serenade, while Norina (Elisabeth Clarke) revs up the final ensemble in the teasing tongue of Tuscany.

Peter Knapp's translation is felicitious, but the dialogue too often skids on the edge of soap, tugging embarrassingly against some skilful direction. But despite this and the exercise bicycles, this production is musically true. This matters all the more as Travelling Opera now fills some of the more opera-thirsty parts of the South East which Kent Opera has had to young things. He just happens to leave dry. Richard Balcombe conbe English as well, which helps ducts nine crack instrumental when the company, on principle, soloists in whatever space is available, and young, inexperienced voices, such as that of Elisabeth Clarke, can find their musical gains to be made in level without paining themselves

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Survival of the slickest

Jasper Rees

UB40 Brixton Academy

good song can pick up new resonances without losing the old ones. A decade ago UB40's "I in 10" polemicized unemployment, but now that the group has been holding down one job for 10 years, the title has acquired an alter-

If the edge has gone out of their politics, musically UB40 are sharper than ever. Sole survivors of the earty 1980s ska boom, of which they were a lone reggae offshoot, they now have a touch of cabaret in their utterly professional stage show.

What exempts them from a comparison of which they would not approve is the band's united, democratic front. UB40 specialize in shuffling the pack so that no one upstages anyone else for long. A bass player taking a turn on lead vocals, a bongoist on trombone and a trumpeter on bass, give a glimpse of the array of performance permutations available to them. Yet however impressively versatile it looks to field a quintet of horas in "If It Happens Again" and then shed all five for "Don't Break My Heart", I suspect that such an extent of vocal and instrumental options is strictly for show. Ali Campbell's rhythmic riffs on guitar, for example, seem no more than duplicates of his brother Robin's; but who's complaining when the show is as energetic as this?

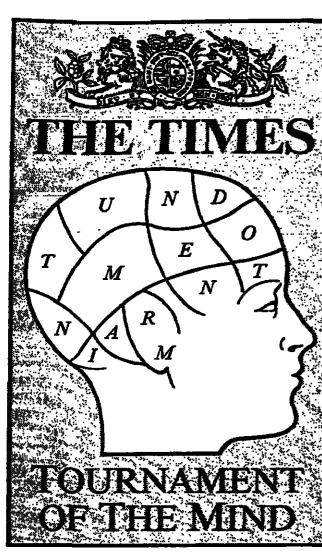
Importing reggae from Birmingham down to this quarter of the capital smacks of coals to weastle, but they were keen to play up a sense of kinship: Robin Campbell gave genuine greetings to Brixton, not empty ones to London in general.

After opening with two of the best covers from their second reggae reinterpretation album Labour of Love II — "Here I Am (Come and Take Me)" and "The Way You Do the Things You Do" - they followed up with a rich diet of lesser known reggae raps and the standard hits "Red Red Wine", "Cherry Oh Baby", "Rat in Mi Kitchen" - and signed off with a tenth anniversary rendition of their début single "Food for Thought". If they keep it up, they will never have to sign on again.





A battle of the best brains



How have you managed so far? What is Ringo Starr's real name? Did you work out the riddle in Round One? Have the diagrams puzzled you to distraction?

 As The Times Tournament of the Mind 1990 ends its first week, thousands of readers eagerly await the next 15 rounds. Along with Round Five published today (right), we have repeated Rounds One to Four, for those who may have missed them.

 At stake is £5,000 cash for the individual winner, and a Hewlett Packard computer for the winning school.

 Although the questions have been devised by Mensa, Mr Harold Gale, the society's executive director, says that those who have a logical mind and a good general knowledge should find the puzzles easy to solve.

• The top 100 finalists, or all who have scored the maximum possible 1,000 points, will go through to a final five rounds. But no one ends the competition empty-handed. All who enter will receive a special certificate, marking their effort.

● The Collins English Dictionary (second edition) and the Encyclopaedia Britannica (15th edition) are the only reference works to be used to gain the answers. No written correspondence will be entered into and no telephone queries will be accepted.

 A special timed play-off will be held to decide the individual winner from the top individual finalists.

ROUND FIVE

1 DIAGRAMS

in this diagram, the following rules apply. You must always start at the centre square, 1. You must move vertically and horizontally from square to touching square but never diagonally. You must move to only three other squares, adding the values of each. The sum of all four numbers must total 54. You then return to square 1. Follow the same rules and take a different route to \$4. How many different permitted routes are there?

2 VERBAL

What is the three-letter English word which can be added to the end of each of the Jollowing words in order to create three other English words?

PASS HOST FLOOR

3 LOGIC

What is the next number in the following series of numbers?

During a cricket match, Andrew scores 67 more runs than Brian. Brian, on the other hand, scores 52 fewer runs than Chris. Brian's score and Richard's score total 62 runs. Richard scores 17 more runs than David and Chris scores 34 more runs than Richard. What is the total number of runs scored by the five players?

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MISCELLANY

- 1. What is the common name of Russia's Main Civil Air Fleet Administration?
- 2. What breed of dog differs from all others in having a blue-black tongue?
- 3. St Stephen's Crown is the greatly venerated
- crown of which country? 4. Which daily morning newspaper was founded in
- 1888 by Horatio Bottomly?
- 5. In which group of islands is the province of Antique?

THE RULES

● The competition is open to all readers, both in the UK and the rest of the world. Each entry must be made on the original answer coupons taken from The Times.

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 Only postal entries will be accepted. • The competition is open to members of Mensa. • Employees, and their families, of

sources will not be accepted.

Mensa, News International and their agencies will not be permitted to enter the competition.

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SCHOOL TEAMS Schools can enter teams compris-

ing up to 10 pupils. • Where more than one team from a school is entered, photocopies of the answer coupons and address vouchers will be permitted.

 Each school entry must nominate a team leader whose name must be shown on the entry form. Schools must mark the envelopes containing their entries "Schools'

The winning school team will be decided from the final five rounds. HOW TO ENTER ● The maximum possible total from the first 20 rounds is 1,000

 Entrants must answer the questions only on the published coupons, and must send their coupons only at the end of the 20 rounds. On the final day of the 20 rounds (Wednesday, March 28) an address coupon will be published. The completed answer coupons from the previous 20 rounds, together with the name and address of the entrant, should be sent to this address. • Entries must be received by the

last post on Tuesday, April 3.

• The full answers to the 20 rounds will be published in the week commencing Monday, April 9. · Every entrant will receive a certificate from The Times.

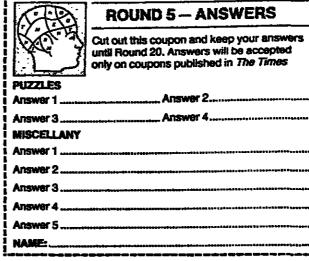
 Those who score above a certain level of points will receive a personalized certificate in bronze, silver or gold. • The names of the finalists from

the first 20 rounds will be published in The Times on Friday April 20. ◆ The top 100 individual scorers and the top 10 schools from the 20 rounds, or all who have scored the maximum 1,000 points, will enter the final five rounds, published in The Times from Tuesday April 24.

entries for the final five rounds is the last post on Friday, May 4.

The top 10 individual scorers from the final five rounds, or all who achieve the maximum 250 points, will be invited to take part in a timed final in London on May 14. • The individual final will be played under exam conditions, using only the Collins English Dictionary (second edition) and four-function calculators. No other reference works will be permitted.

 The winner will receive a trophy and £5,000. The remaining finalists will receive £250 each. The winning school will receive a Hewlett Packard computer, a plaque and a



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1 DIAGRAMS.	۷	 \.\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		4 M
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LOGIC Replace the question marks with three mather so that the calculation is correctly completed

(117 ? 9) ? 4 ? 4 = 56**ROUND TWO** 1 DIAGRAMS must start on any of the four outside corners.

2 MATHEMATICS

In a 200 metre race Fred beats BIII by 10 metres. They decide to run the race again. Bill starts on the 200 metre start-line but Fred starts exactly 15 metres behind it. They both run the race at exactly the same speed as before. Who won the seco

MISCELLANY

1. The Colossus of Rhodes represented which god? 2. in baseball, who was known as the "Yankee Clipper"? 3. What lake in the United States was known to the Indians as

4. Who published his first novel, The White Peacock, in 1911? 5. Where can you find what is believed to be the only examples of Classical Greek wall painting?

4 MATHS: 1 DIAGRAMS A standard bath has two taps and a plug hole. One of the taps ely fills the bath in 15 minutes if the plug is in the ho

Assuming you have left both tape on and the plug out, how long will it take for the bath to be filled?

while the other takes 20 minutes to perform the same function. With a filled bath and the taps off, it takes 30 minutes to drain

MISCELLANY &

- 1. Which Egyptian king built the two temples of Abu
- 2. What is Ringo Sterr's real name? 3. What capital city's name means "Muddy
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PUZZLES

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Raleigh, met at the Mermald Tavern in London? 5. In what country would you find a desert death adder?

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solve this puzzle. Start at the bottom left-hand corner and work your way up to finish in the top right-hand corner. You can move vertically and horizontally from square to touching square but never

ily. You must add the value of each square to your

8 total as you go, but you cannot collect more than nine numbers on any attempt. What is the lowest total you can get?

VERBAL

Four longer words, which are all the names of birds, can be formed by adding the small words together. You must use all the small words only once. The four long words comprise one 10-letter word, two seven-letter words and one 11-letter word. What are the four longer words?

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1. Which English city was chosen by the Romans as

headquarters of the 20th legion?

2. What is the largest living mammal? Which religious movement was founded in Persia in the

third century A.D. by Mani?

4. Which Japanese emperor was the 124th direct descendant of Jimmu?

Which English landscape painter, who died in San Remo, Italy, gave a series of drawing lessons to Queen Victoria in

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ROUND FOUR

1/LOGIC

You are looking at a 10-seater double-decker bus. It has five seats upstairs and five seats down directly below Richard and in front of eight people, includin Nick. Pat sits in the seat directly behind Nick and directly below John. Kate sits at the very back, directly above Tony. Graham is seated directly in front of Sam and directly above Bob. Who sits directly in front of Tony?

Z DIAGRAMS

apply to this puzzie: You must land on every circle, but only once on each, before finish on the circle marked F. Your method of sent from circle

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anticlockwise, I means in, O means out. So that you finish on F, on which circle should you start?

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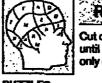
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MISCELLANY

i. The first use of the term, the "iron Curtain", is accredited to 2. When did the Children's Crusade begin?

3. What is the main colour of a Venetian gondols? 4. What is the capital city of Alabama, US? 5. In which year did Rodin create "The Kiss"?



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Inser young

top prizes in our competition for student writers. The winner is Sarah Eltis, whose review of the National Theatre production 26 17 of Oscar Wilde's Salome combined a journalistic response to the event with a sense of the importance of the play. Sarah, more frequently known as Sos, is 23 and preparing for a doctorate at Christ Church College, Oxford. Her sub-ject is Oscar Wilde as socialist and

Sarah, an English graduate and MPhil, is currently undecided as to whether to pursue a career as a journalist or an academic.

The runner-up is Helena Aziz, aged 24, a philosophy graduate from Manchester University who is corrently at the Emile Wolf College of Accountancy in London. Her entry, a review of the BBC2 Bookmark programme, was her first attempt at writing a review.

Third prize goes to Jonathan Brenton from Bashey, Hertfordshire, for his review of Kenneth Branach's film, Heary V. Jonathan is an English graduate from Bristol University, currently on a year's post-graduate scholarship at the University of Boston.

SARAH ELTIS

The National Theatre December 16, 1989

he National Theatre's production of Salome is fated to be labelled "Berkoff's Salome" - not because of any distortion or revision of Oscar Wilde's play on Berkoff's part, but because the production carries the triumphal and brilliant stamp of its director. Just as Peter Brook reputedly transformed A Midsummer Night's Dream with his own touch of genius, so Berkoff has not commandeered Wilde's work for his own purposes, but used his own art to

validate Wilde's. Ornate, self-conscious and selfindulgent, Salome is both a criticism of fin de siècle corruption and a product of it. Wilde's plans for the play's staging were as florid as its language: under a violet sky,

an entry of hundreds of reviews of events broadcast or performer over the Christmas heliday period. In addition to the strong university entry, we received many reviews from sixth formers.

Sheridan Morley, television critic of The Times and an experiexced theatre critic, was the chief judge for the competition. He writes: "It was an unnervingly strong entry, unnerving at least for professional critics looking over their shoulders to see how fast the next generation is approaching What was encouraging was the even split across theatre, cinema and television.

"Just as the majority of my critical generation seemed to edge towards the theatre because of Kenneth Tynan, a decade or two later, because of Clive James, every young critic seemed to want to write about television. Now the pendulum seems to be swinging back, with a renewed interest in stage and wide screen, and alongside that comes a healthy cyclcism. If student critics are learning any one discipline, it is how to be constructively rude about their elders, and only sometimes betters."

each character was to be dressed in shades of yellow, from palest lemon to richest orange, and braziers of perfume were to re-place the orchestra, from which scented clouds would rise; partly veiling the stage - a different perfume for each emotion. The stage of the National, however, presented a rigid pattern of black and white - the staging, like the rest of the production, echoed the precise, evilly lurid illustrations of Aubrey Beardsley. Yet the production was as richly stylized as Wilde's extravagant directions suggest. In stark evening dress, their faces a mask of two-tone grey, the characters moved in a painful yet fluid slow motion, like mannequins in some bizarre and inexorable ballet, commanded by the syncopated rhythms of a huge grand piano. The play was set, for no apparent reason, in the 1920s rather than the 1890s, but the chorus seemed less a troupe of

bright young things than a sinister



WINNER

First prize-winner: Sarah Eltis from Christ Church College, Oxford.

hydra, writhing snake-like at its simulated banquet.

The recurring images, choruses and repetitions of Wilde's lines were delivered slowly, with per-haps more care than relish. As image piled upon image, the deliberate artificiality of the language was occasionally shattered by startling colloquialisms: "No; the moon is like the moon, that is all," scoffs Herodias, puncturing her husband's rhetoric.

Herod and Herodias snarled and bickered in the sinister, familiar power-struggle of husband and wife. Berkoff rendered Herod's echoing refrains now as the insistence of obsession, now as the desperate reiterated plea of a man slipping closer to the edge, his voice sliding from malicious insinuation to a high-pitched, impotent whine. Carmen du Santoy (Herodias) crushed him with flickers of cold contempt and black-stockinged thigh. Katharine Schlesinger's Salome,

sinuous and fragile, a knowing pawn in her mother's hands, performed the dance of the seven veils under a red brothel light, her hands running lithely and closely over her body in a mimed striptease, which left her naked before the audience and her lascivious step-father. Though in many ways an exercise in theatrical technique, the production never failed to carry the audience with it. The severed head of Jokanaan, an empty space between Salome's outstretched hands, visibly dripped blood.

To say that this is the production of a lifetime is hardly a compliment — Salome is unlikely to be produced again for several decades. It should, and will, be remembered. The production, like the play, was conceived with one eye cocked at posterity, but the result is not only impressive but entertaining. The ostentatious art of Wilde and Berkoff blend to form a spell-binding spectacle.

RUNNER-UP

okmark: Profile of Dame Iris Murdoch BBC2

December 29, 1989

he sight of A. N. Wilson in bed with a typewriter was not a pleasant one. Neither, for that matter. was the rhythmic movement of his jaws as he attempted to extract inspiration from an unidentifiable substance. But although one may have shuddered at his imitation of the sleazier variety of private investigator, it was possible to feel some sympathy for this frustrated biographer.

There he was, a clever chap, asked by John Bailey to write a biography of Iris Murdoch, doing his very best in the way of penetrating gazes and sharp questioning; and what had he achieved? He had asked Iris Murdoch some perfectly straightforward questions and been treated to a feeble imitation of Through the Looking Glass.

"There's a lot of water in your books, Dame Iris," he murmured. "Can you explain this?"
"There's a lot of water in real life," replied the Red Queen.

Well, perhaps water was a sore subject. Gentlemanly Wilson did not pursue the issue.

"Why did you leave for Europe after the war? Had you experienced some kind of crisis?" "England is part of Europe," came the cryptic reply.

Wilson found this a little difficult to swallow, and told viewers as much by repeating the question more times than was prudent. Hope lives eternal, and Wilson was not, as yet, deterred. That part of Europe which is physically separated from England, is separated by water. Perhaps it was this

First prize: Zenith Data

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Systems SupersPORT 286

LQ400 printer, plus five CD

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Classics range. Winner:

Church College, Oxford.

Second prize: Zenith

Data Systems Z-159

Desktop computer and

Epson printer, plus five CD

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Accountancy, London.

records. Winner:

Jonathan Brenton.

Runners-up prizes:

Melissa Bateson, New

College, Oxford, review

pen set. Winners:

Third prize: Pilot FJ1000

fountain pen, plus five CD

University of Boston, US.

Three CD records, plus Pilot

Second prize-winner: Helena Aziz, Emile Wolf College of Accountancy

connection which unnerved the once almost drowned Murdoch. Given the exhausting contrari-ness of his subject, Wilson's appearance in bed was forgivable. Less comprehensible was the intermittent use of a shot which depicted an underwater swimmer searching for something in a tangle of huge weeds. The scene certainly inspired confidence: it seemed to suggest that Wilson was on the brink of finding a treasure trove of facts. Unfortunately this confidence was repeatedly dashed by the subject and some of her

When asked how he saw Murdoch, a painter-friend confessed to having a vision of a light bulb. The photographer-friend was no more illuminating: she saw a face which was "perfect" with "everything as it should be". How everything should be was not the subject she seemed inclined to discuss.

Moving closer to Murdoch's own activity — writing —
A. S. Byatt was heard confessing that she and Murdoch commu nicate with the "writer part" of their selves. This statement was not only odd, it was positively

unfortunate. Just before it was made, there had been a shot of Murdoch giving Byatt a writerly peck on the cheek - which rather made all this business about airy intellectual communication seem a bit of a sham.

The cruellest blow of all, per-

haps, came from Murdoch's philosopher chum. Speaking of Murdoch's moral perception and forthrightness, she recalled an event which occurred when they had been students. They had had dinner with two

dons and were on their way home when Murdoch stopped in her tracks and pronounced her verdict one of the dons was a good man, the other was bad.

A. N. Wilson's reaction to this anecdote was not filmed. But given Murdoch's predilection for decisive moral judgement, it would hardly be surprising if a spasm of doubt had racked Wilson's spare frame.

Judging from the lack of cordiality between subject and biographer, it would appear that A. N. Wilson has been weighed, and found wanting.

RESULTS



Third prize: Jonathan Brenton

subject King's College Cambridge carol service: Tessa Boase, Lincoln College, Oxford, The Good Person of Sichuan.

National Theatre; Daniel Litvin, Merton College. Oxford, Blind Date (ITV): Gordon Lyon, Trinity College, Cambridge, Lawrence of Arabia, Linton Chiswick, St Hugh's College, Oxford, Dizzy Gillespie at the RFH (BBC); Sophie Goldsworthy. Mansfield College, Oxford, Relatively Speaking (BBC); Helen Wallace, London College of Printing. Cats, New London Theatre; Stuart Peel, Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Robin Williams. An Evening at the Met (C4)/Mr Bean (ITV); Matthew Edwards, Repton School, Grange Hill (BBC); Clare Haines, University of Warwick,

South Bank Show (ITV).

OUTINGS

THIS WEEKEND.

--- BEHIND THE SCENES WITH BRITISH WATERWAYS: A flotilia of boats in Chester for the weekend - a crane boat, floating dredger, tug and a luxury holiday hire boat. Demonstrations of traditional and modern working and maintenance echniques and an opportunity to walk down into the drained chambers of the local stakense local on a horse-drawn boat. Power Wharf, Shropshire Union Cansi, Chester. Today, tomorrow 10am-4pm. Free. Refreshments throughout.

BRITISH FEDERATION OF YOUNG CHOIRS - WEMBLEY SINGING DAY: A chorus of 600 young people representing 19 choirs from all over the British Isles in a concert - the result of a one-day communal workshop directed by Brian Kay. The programme comprises Mozart's Requiem and the

Exultate Jubiliate and the world

premiere of Christopher

Brown's The Circling Year.

The Greend Holl Weembley The Grand Hall, Wembley Conference Centre, Wembley. Middlesex. Tomorrow 5pm. Box-office (01-900 1234). Adult

£2, child £1. BAFTA CRAFT AWARDS PREVIEW: An opportunity to meet some of the filmcraftspeople and peen nominated for the awards ceremony to be held tomorrow. Glasgow Film Theatre, Glasgow. Tonight 7.30pm. Tickets, must be booked,

£2.90. Box-office (041 332 SERENDIPITY: Opening day of an exhibition of work by Snowdon, subtitled "A light-hearted look at people, places and things". The exhibits include portraits of the famous and the unknown. stage and fashion designs — all set among a number of unusual objects.
The Royal Photographic
Society, Milsom Street, Bath
(0225 462841), Unital May 8,

daily 9.30am-5.30pm. Adult £2, child £1. Family ticket — two adults plus two children — £4.50. COMPASS DAY: For ramblers, hikers or would-be orienteers, a workshop in which to learn how to use a Silva compass, followed by an opportunity to put theory into practice. Basic mapreading knowledge required. Take packed lunch. Tunnel End Canal and Countryside Centre, Waters Road, Marsden near Huddersfield. Tomorrow from

10am. Booking essential. Further information (0484 846062). APOLLO II: The last week in which to see the exhibition which no see the exhibitors
which marked the twentieth
anniversary of man's first
landing on the moon.
Among the displays: a Saturn
V scale model of the launch
vehicle, moon rock from NASA, inflight clothing and Apollo spacesuit replica. The Science Museum Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-938 8000). Until March 18. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Adult £2, child £1. Free admission 4.30-6pm. VICTORIAN MILITARY FAIR: For all model-makers,

stalls specializing in militaria, prints, books, medals, modelling techniques and equipment. This year's special display centres on 19thcentury forts and fortifications. Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2. Today 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult £1.50, child 50p. DAILY MAIL IDEAL HOME **EXHIBITION:** Annual showcase for everything related to the home — from fully equipped houses to

the latest in household gadgetry. Of particular interest to would-be entrepreneurs is the Prince's Youth Business Trust stand, with 49 successful businesses set up by young people who were aided by the PYBT. Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5. Today until

fives free. MONDAY

April 1. Daily 10am-8pm. Adult £4.50, child over five and

senior citizen £2.80. Under-

COMMONWEALTH DAY: Colourful festival designed for children aged from seven to 11. Nationals from Commonwealth countries will be present to meet the children. The celebrations include music, dance and a finale of balloons released from the institute's lawns. Commonwealth Institute, Main Galleries, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535), 10.30am-1,30pm, Admission 50p. NATIONAL THEATRE PLATFORM EVENTS: To coincide with the publication of Titmuss Regained, the sequel to

Paradise Postponed, John Mortimer talks about

films and novels. Book

Wednesday, 6pm, in the Olivier, Deborah Warner

writing for theatre, television,

signing follows. Tonight, 6pm, the Cottesioe. On

director of Brecht's The Good

Person of Sichuan talks and answers questions about the production.

National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. Box-office (01-928 2252). Tickets £2.50

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: Sotheby's experts value vour antiques and accept items for auction. Metropole Arts Centre, The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 10.30am-3.30pm. In aid of the RNLI. **CHILDREN'S FASHION** SHOW IN AID OF THE

GREATER LONDON FUND FOR THE BLIND: Presented by Vacani's School of Dancing, whose pupils have included a number of members of the Royal family. Children of various celebrities will be among those modelling the clothes. Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly London W1. 4pm. Tickets £20. Arrive early to get a good

IS THERE A FUTURE FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE?: Pertinent question posed by Mr Trevor Clay, ex-general secretary, Royal College of Nursing. Centre of Medical Law and States 25 20 King's College Ethics, 3b 20 King's College, Strand, London WC2. 1.05pm-2.15pm. Admission

TUESDAY ...

EARLY SPRING FLOWER SHOW: Displays and competitions for early lias, rhododendrons, magnolias and ornamental Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Greycoat Street, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Today

11am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-5om. Adult £1.50. accompanied child free. **CHELSEA ANTIQUES** FAIR: 43 specialist dealers at this annual fair where datelines are pre-1830. Cheisea Old Town Hall. King's Road, London SW3. Until March 24. Charity preview today 11am-2pm. Admission £10. Thereafte Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, weakends 11am-8pm. Admission £5, includes catalogue.

WEDNESDAY

WOODEN TOYS 1919: First day of an exhibition organized by the museum in conjunction with John Gould, lecturer in play equipment design at the London College of Furniture. On display, a large collection of contemporary machine-made toys from Britain and Europe - many selected

and acquired at this year's International toy fair in Nuremberg, the traditional home of the wooden toymaking industry. Bethnai Green Museum of

Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-981 1711). Until April 29. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30pm-6om. Free.

LITERATURE ON THE SOUTH BANK: Shena Mackay, the Edinburgh-born writer, whose seventh novel, Dunedin, is published this month, reads some of her short

The Voice Box, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1. 7.30pm. Adult £2.50, student £1.50. Box-office (01-928 8800).

LONDON BEER DRINKER FESTIVAL: Exhibition and tastings of traditionally brewed British beers, cider and perry. Brass, jazz and folk music in the evening. Russ in the everlang.
Camden Centre,
Bichorough Street, London
WC1. Today, tomorrow and
Fri. Daytime 11.30am-3pm.
Free. Evenings 5pm-10pm.
Admission £1.

*** THURSDAY

SPRING CHICKEN: Opening day of an exhibition of toys, textiles, ceramics and prints — all based on hens. Hitchcocks, 10 Chapel Row, Queen's Square, Bath. Until May 11 during normal FURNITURE LECTURE: Victor Chinnery, oak furniture consultant for Christle's, discusses furniture and decoration in Tudor and Stuart home Oakwell Half Barn, Oakwell Hall, Kirklees. Further Information (0484 430808).

FRIDAY

THAMES BARRIER **CLOSURE:** An opportunity to watch tidal defences at work. Spectators welcome. Themas Barrier Centre. Unity Way, London SE18. Further information (01-854 1373). 9.15am-11.45am. **ENDANGERED SPECIES**

WEEK: British Woodcarvers Association exhibition, with each carving representing a different example of a species under threat. Also a related information display, stide and video shows. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex (0903 883355) Today until March 23. Daily

9.30am-5pm. Last entry 4pm, Adult £2.70, child £1.40. Judy Froshaug

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OPERA

John Higgins

Donizetti: Maria Stuarda Gruberova/Baltsa/Araiza. Munich Radio Orch/Patane (Philips 426 233-2) (two compact discs) Donizetti: Poliuto Ricciarelli/Carreras/Pons. Vienna Symphony Orch/Caetani (CBS M2K 44821) (two compact discs) Donizetti: Poliuto

Connell/Martinucci/Bruson. Rome Opera Orch/Latham Koenig (Nuova Era 6776/77) (two compact discs)

ary. Queen of Scots, may have the title role in Maria Stuarda, arguably the most powerful of Donizetti's "Tudor" operas. And most of the weight of the final scene falls on the soprano as Mary, on her way to the scaffold, asks
God not to be too hard on
perfidious Albion. But Maria
Stuarda is the tale of two queens and it is just as important to have a top-flight mezzo as Elisabeth as it is to cast Mary correctly.

Decca got this wrong in its Maria of the mid-Seventies, which stays the main rival to the new Philips set, when it had Sutherland in good form with plenty of support from Pavarotti as Leicester, but engaged a mediocre Elisabeth. Philips makes no such error. Agnes Baltsa (Elisabeth) and Edita Gruberova (Mary) make a formidable partnership on record. as they obviously did on stage in Vienna four years ago in a production which introduced Maria Stuarda to the Austrians. It is from those performances that the Philips set has grown.

If Mary dominates the final act then the first one belongs to Elisabeth. Here Baltsa is properly imperious, even bad tempered. while she plans the removal of her rival. Baltsa's mezzo shows an occasional gear change as she resists the blandishments of Leicester on behalf of the exiled Mary, but this is a small price for some fervently dramatic singing. The temperature rises even higher at the famous - and fictional encounter in the park of Forteringa (Fotheringhay would have proved something of a tongue-twister in Italian). It is here that Mary spits out the two words, "vil bastarda", which got Donizetti's opera the chop (as well as Mary) before its premiere could take place in Naples in 1834. But before then she had taken such a quantity of abuse from Elisabeth



Tenor with a clarion voice: when José Carreras sings the title role of Poliuto, the noble Armenian who ends by embracing the Christian religion, he invests it with plenty of heroics

that the reaction seems almost

Gruberova's Mary begins as a melancholy creature, shading her naturally bright soprano so that the Queen of Scotland really is "opressa, desolata", as the audience is regularly told. The long cavatina at the beginning of Act II in which Mary pines for the gentle breezes of France is handled with great delicacy, as is the final prayer for heaven not to vent its anger on Britain when her head rolls from the block. Throughout, Gruberova resists all temptation to show off and instead preserves a silken, melodic line, very much in keep-ing with Donizetti's saintly heroine. As in Vienna, Francisco Araiza is the Leicester, a rather wishy-washy figure who is batted like a shuttle-cock between the two queens.

His tenor sounds a bit fuzzy in the Act I cavatina, but then comes into its own in duets with the ladies, rivals for the throne and for him. The bass role of Cecil is even more anonymous and Simone Alaimo does not make too much

Otherwise this is a highly recommended set, excellently conducted by Giuseppe Patane, who excels in the mighty sextet which closes Act IL Since his death last summer, opera sets seem to have

been pouring out under his baton and the quality has been uniformly high. During his lifetime he was sadly underrated.

Poliuto came four years later in 1838 and this is the Donizetti where tenor and soprano march off, in stirring duet, not to the scaffold but to be thrown to the lions. The action takes place in Roman-occupied Armenia, a part of the world riven by dissent even in AD250. The duet in question, "Il suon dell'arpe angeliche" is the best known number in the score -Verdi must have had it somewhere at the back of his mind when he wrote his tenor/soprano duet for Forza Act I, as Scottish

view, the strongest cuts are those from Big Band Bossa Nova, which

brings Getz together with a line-up

including trombonist Bob

Brookmeyer, playing charts by

Gary McFarland. The old com-

plaints that Getz sold out to

commercialism simply do not

stand up against this evidence.

The two remaining albums are

more routine affairs by compari-

son, though they have their sepa-

rate points of interest. Jazz Samba

Encore, made in 1963 with a group

featuring the guitarist Luiz Bonfa.

was the first Getz record actually

to rely on Brazilian musicians

(Jazz Samba, of course, having

been a collaboration with Charlie

Byrd). Getz/Almeida provided

space for the veteran Laurindo

Almeida, a guitarist who could

claim some credit for pointing the

way towards the jazz bossa nova

The boxed set also includes

some odds and ends that are worth

more than passing attention. Three pieces — including a moody

re-run of "Girl From Ipanema"

come from the finale of Getz's

October 1964 Carnegie Hall con-

cent with João and Astrud

Apart from being a stunning showcase for João Gilberto and Antonio Carlos Johim, Getz-

Gilberto saw the debut of Astrud

Gilberto. The story of her appear-

asked to sing the lyrics in English.

Flat, innocent and undemon-

strative, her voice brought an

indefinable mystique to the music.

given her own album, with guitar

accompaniment from Jobim and

strings arranged by Marty Paich.

Given Gilberto's limited range, it

is often an unequal partnership.

Some two years later she was

in the early Fifties.

Gilberto.

Opera's impressive first staging of

Donizetti surely knew he had written a hit, because he used it in the overture, where Oleg Caetani makes the Vienna Symphony give it an almost goose-stepping rhythmn. José Carreras, as

that opera reminded us last

Poliuto, the noble Armenian who ends by embracing the Christian religion, invests it with plenty of heroics. And there is the key to Poliuto: it needs a tenor with a clarion voice and, in view of the period in which it is set, a good pair of legs. Franco Corelli must have fitted the role admirably in both respects and, although I cannot vouch for it, Lauri-Volpi probably did before him.

CBS's recording comes from performances in Vienna's Konzerthaus - the Austrian capital really has been going in for Donizetti's serious operas - in 1986 before Carreras fell prey to leukaemia. It is a ringing, heroic performance in just the right style. Katia Ricciarelli is in the dreamy, almost moony mood Joan Sutherland once used for Donizetti many beautiful notes, not much drama. Juan Pons is steadiness itself as the Roman general Severo, but Laszlo Polgar simply rumbles away as the high priest

note

Stephen Pettitt

CLASSICAL

CLASSICAL UPDATE

Martin: Le Vin herbé Soloists/Desarzens (Jecklin-Disco JD 581/2-2) (two CDs) The pick of several Frank Martin recordings restored for the composer's centenary: this is his Tristan as choral balled, luminous and cool. and totally innocent of Wagner though perhaps not of the Tristan opera Debussy might

have written. Boulez: Improvisations sur Mallermé I-II, Le Marteau sans maitre, Figures-Doubles-Prismes Various musicians (Stradivarius STR 10028) The early performances of the Mallarmé seltings (1969. under Boulez) and Le Marteau (1961, under Madema) are of archival interest, but the Figures is something more: the first available recording of an abundant modern masterpiece.

Berlioz: La Demnation de Faust Soloists, Edinburgh Festival Chorus, Lyons
Opera Orchestra/Gardiner
(Philips 426 199-2) (two CDs)
This performance from the 1987 Berlioz Festival is led by Michael Myers, a compelling singer in the Vickers mould, though too often here worryingly strained. There is a vivid Mephistopheles from Jean-Philippe Lafont and a lovely Marguente from Anna-Sofie von Otter, and the choral singing sounds as French as the orchestral playing.

Debussy, Ravel: Quartets Emerson (DG 427 320-2) Supremely virtuoso playing puts every note in place to render the rich and varied textures perfectly. The Emerson also respond beautifully to Debussy's rhythmic subtlety, and even bring out unexpected wit.

By coincidence, there is another recording of the opera on the Nuova Era label of a live performance from the Rome Opera. The sound is muddy and the principals; several notches below those on CBS: Nicola Martinucci strains for too many of his notes, Elisabeth Connell in the Ricciarelli role allows too much pinched tone and only Renato Bruson (Severo) sounds happily cast.

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Poliuto, with its military marches and its echoes of Norma, kept its place in the repertoire long after Donizetti's excursion into British history was forgotten. Perhaps it is due for a revival: the Wexford public would adore it.

interpretations of the Berg, but few

JAZZ UPDATE

Frank Morgan Mood Indigo (Antilles 91320) After a career dogged by drug addiction, the West Coast atto player unleashes a dashing quartet recording.

The opening number, "Heckle Jeckle", bustles with the kind of energy that would put a hip-hop band to shame. If the second half of the date amounts to more workmanlike bop, Watson's alto rarely lacks presence.

Ben Webster King Of The Tenors (Verve 837431) The great tenor man at his best in the early Fifties. Assisted by Benny Carter, Harry Edison and Oscar Peterson. Keith Jarrett Standards II A faithful video document of The Inventor (Blue Note CDP 79195) the planist's popular trio,

> Carmen McRae Live (Verve Video CFV 10282) (60min) Another Tokyo date. McRae is at her most compelling in the brief interlude when her musicians leave her alone at the electric and acoustic piano.

Bright side of bossa nova

JAZZ **Clive Davis**

Stan Getz The Girl From Ipanema The Bossa Nova Years (Verve) 823611)

(four compact discs/cassettes)
Astrud Gilberto The Astrud Gilberto Album (Verve 823009)

7 as this Stan Getz's finest hour? His followers may have other preferences, but in purely commercial terms there can surely be no argument. The five albums in this set represent one of the last occasions when a straight jazz musician could compete with pop stars.

Released in 1962, the first of

Getz's bossa nova albums, Jazz Samba, lasted 70 weeks in Billboard's pop album charts. Getz-Gilberto - a masterpiece by any standards, jazz, pop or otherwise - notched up 96 weeks.

The bossa nova boom soon went the way of the hoola-hoop, partly because of the inferior albums that flooded out from all quarters. It is chastening to think that Getz-Gilberto came close to remaining in the vaults because executives apparently felt the market was saturated. Getz was ready to move on by 1964. When he makes his concert hall appearances today he may, if we are lucky, play one Latin-influenced piece. Otherwise the bossa nova is now the preserve of second-raters whose approach has been summed up by author Brian Priestley: "Let's do an up-tempo piece, then something medium followed by a ballad, and then we can brighten

No wonder the form has fallen into disrepute. The Getz dates are a reminder of how potent it could be in the right hands. Though four discs may sound too much, the variety of settings and the melodic strength of Getz's tenor saxophone keep boredom at bay. From a strictly jazz point of

things up with a bossa,"

ROCK UPDATE

house to spectacular

(Fontana 842 293-1)

Davies mould, and as a

commercial effect.

The Beloved Happiness

(East West 2292-46253-2) Camberwell duo of Steve

Waddington and Jon Marsh

appeal of New Order and the Pet Shop Boys with the

functional dance groove of acid

The House Of Love Fontana

A low-key cracker that amoly showcases Guy Chadwick's

abilities as a singer in the Ray

songwriter with an alert, modern bent, albeit tempered by a mild fixation on the

ng the pneumatic pop

Unlike the Getz sessions, the album also sounds dated and naive. But that, in a curious way, is part of its charm.

Beggar's Banquet-era Rolling Stones.

The Fall Extricata (Cog-Sinister 842 204-2) Mark E. Smith remains an engaging and frequently infuriating enigma, his group's music is a surreal, grimly cynical concection performed with child-like incompetence. Lloyd Cole Lloyd Cole

(Polydor 841 907-1) Workmanlike début for the retiring Cole minus his Commotions. A slow-burning blend of uncomplicated melody and thoughtful lyrics with an understated charm that grows over time.

his, if you are a thinking devotee of the piano, is just about the perfect piece of programme planning Liszt's B minor Piano Sonata was the first exercise in that form successfully to fuse the four traditional movements into one, through a complex process of mutual infiltration and of metamorphosis. Berg's Sonata, written in the first decade of this century and deceptively labelled Op 1, is also compacted into a single span, and being also in B minor might be thought of as a direct homage, were it not that the composer intended further movements for the piece. All the Peter Donohoe (EMI CDC 7 49916 2) (compact disc) same, it is an equivalently complex structure, and equivalently rich in ideas and textures. Where elements, dance and motor Berg's Sonata, like Liszt's, is

ing the form using nationalistic n his notes for another excellent Tallis Scholars recording, Peter Phillips makes the point that the repertories of concert choirs and church choirs today are different, even when they are choosing from the same composers. Here, though, is something of a counter-example, since Palestrina's Assumption mass and Tallis's 40-part motet Spem in alium are two glories of the 16th century that belong to both. On the other hand, it would be difficult to find two recordings more different

fundamentally Germanic, that of

Bartok represents a deliberate

reaction to tradition, reinterpret-

in style. The accomplishments of the Tallis Scholars are by now pretty familiar: their perfection of phrasing through lines of curving, cusped design, their lively soprano tone, their balance that manages to

rhythms to assert its dynamic arguments Peter Donohoe has all the technique that each work requires. There have been riper, gentler Palestrina: "Assumpta est Maria" and "Sicut litium" masses Tallis Scholars (Gimell CDGIM 020) Tallis: Spem in allum, etc Winchester Cathedral Choir (Hyperion CDA 66400)

be at once firm and clear, their agreement in changes of speed and dness that are so smooth and natural they hardly seem to be "performed" at all. These singers are as splendid in the triumphant responding ensembles of the sixvoice Assumption mass as in the longer, leaner, imitative textures of the apparently earlier "Sicut lilium" mass, a work which one is unlikely to hear in any church or cathedral, but a beautiful piece, and a striking contrast with the later mass. Both masses are

pianists can have played this work with a keener awareness of its architecture. In the more grandiose moments of the Liszt, his sound is phenomenally powerful, and the sheer torrents of notes in the first and last sections hold no terrors for him. Again here, the most impressive thing about his performance is Donohoe's awareness of the piece's structure; but a little more poetic indulgency would not have been amiss. No such criticism can be applied to the Bartok, for its own poetry is of a strangely removed, dry and percussive kind that suits the flavour of Donohoe's approach.

There is, by the way, a fascingting filler in Liszt's extraordinary Bagatelle sans tonalité of 1885, which strains at the leash of traditional tonality at times more strongly than either of the two later works on this disc.

prefaced as usual by the motets (by Palestrina himself) on which they are based, and in the case of Assumpta est Maria we hear the

plainsong as well.

The Winchester selection of Latin settings by Tallis includes the most celebrated pieces: Spen in aliam, of course, and also both sets of Lamentations, In icitaio et fletu and O nata lux. The star of the recording, however, is the cathedral itself, and in Spem in alium it seems that the 40 voices have come together only to make the stone sing. There is something majestic about the result; but if one wants to hear the music it would be better to look to Andrew Parrott's concert-style recordings with his Taverner Choir.

Paul Griffiths

ance on "Girl From Ipanema" is something a film producer might A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK dream up. A housewife rather than a professional singer, she was

Part 20 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops. to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of rock history.

PETER GABRIEL

Deter Gabriel's recordings have always conformed to a standard of perfectionism, but two albums dominate a career that grew from tentative beginnings after his departure from Genesis in 1975. Peter Gabriel (1980), the third of four eponymously titled albums, is an utterly compelling work that explores the theme of mental disorder through a sequence of chilling, dispassionately observed vignettes—"Intruder", "No Self Control", "I Don't Unabashed: Marviu Gaye

Remember" and "Family Snapshot". The album also houses the caustic "Games Without Frontiers" and the moving "Biko", delivered some time before plaints concerning victims of political oppression became fashionable in the rock world. So (1988), with its video award-wirming US No 1 single "Siedge-hammer", converted Gabriel into an international superstar. With its mixture of measured bombast ("Red Rain", "Big Time") and austere delicacy ("Don't Give up", featuring Kate Bush) So has a timeless quality that makes it one of the most enduring English records of the Eightles.



7 ith the release in 1971 of What's Going On, Marvin Gaye redefined the limits of soul. Having bucked the Tamla Motown "production line" system by producing and writing the album himself, he created a lavishly orchestrated cycle of songs that captured the spirit of the times and kick-started the development of a social conscience in black music.

MARVIN GAYE

larvia Gaye "Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)",
"Inner City Blues (Make Me Wanna
Holler)" and the title track were all US Top 10 hits and the album had a profound influence on artists from Curbs Mayfield to Stevie Wonder. For Let's Get It On (1973) Gaye transferred his attention from the affairs of the world to those of the bedroom, and instigated on the work to those of the pedroom, and insugated one of the most unabashed celebrations of sex in the canons of popular music. The definitive Marvin Gaye compilation is Anthology. Released posthumously in 1986 its 47 (CD) tracks include the immortal "I Heard It Through The Grapevine" and "Ain't No Mountain. High Enough", one of many searing duets with Tammi Terrell.

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NEXT WEEK: Genesis, the Grateful Dead.

(Ajuga reptans Atropurpurea).

Catching a weed while it's young

every possible permutation of weather over the past fortnight, from sunny days which would not have been out of place in May, through roaring winds and blinding rain, to clear, crisp, cold which, though it sent me out to pick all the salad greens which coasted through the winter mildness, did not in the end kill them.

Whatever the weather, this is a time of year which makes me impatient to be in the garden, logging the rapid appearance of new shoots and flowers and getting on with the jobs that call to be done. Bold, large plants such as the various hellebores rise above any clutter of old stems or young weeds, but I don't like the smaller flowers such as primroses and lungworts or the dainty corydalis coming into bloom in scruffy beds.

I prefer hand weeding with a small trowel because it can be carried out with greater discretion than by boe. Self-seeded columbines, borage and mullein are part of the easy stock in trade of my garden and other plants sometimes find their way in, possibly from seed

on my clothes. A small mauve-pink geranium (G. nodosum) arrived by chance, and last year a pumpkin plant, which appeared unaccountably from within a clump of broad beans, provided us with some good winter soups. Three tomato plants (prob-

ably bird-sown) found in a flowerbed last autumn are now flowering and fruiting in pots in my conser-

vatory.

Weeding is quite easy when the weeds are small and come easily from damp soil (even in lawns). Compost, an all-round fertilizer, or soil conditioner such as seaweed meal, can be applied at the same time. The weedy gatherings go to enrich the compost heap (with the possible exceptions of bindweed and couch), dandelion and butter-cup setting a firm leach unit. cup getting a firm bash with a mallet to prevent possible resprouting. Long sessions of weeding are a complete bore, but an odd few minutes here and there on a nice day are a positive pleasure. I make best progress with a narrow-bladed trowel, and am using a handy new acquisition called Le Trug, a wellbalanced and light plastic copy of a French grape basket, for almost all the dirty jobs such as collecting weeds, potatoes or root vegetables. Snowdrops, which came into bloom early this year, are now fading and may be split up or

moved. This is a good time to take

stock of early flowers, making a note of the best daffodil varieties, for

example, and noting where to

angment drifts of favourite kinds. In

my opinion, the most beautiful

anemone is the native Anemone nemorosa, but this year the early

blue-flowered Anemone blanda

(which must be one of the easiest

flowers to grow) made an attractive

your stock, prunings treated as cuttings may root in shallow silt sprinkled with gravel. ● Le Trug is available at Sainsbury's Homebase stores and some garden centres, or mail order, £4.70 (plus £1.80 p&p) or £9.20 (plus £2.50 p&p) from The Van Gogh Chair Company, PO Box 134, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX16 &AZ.

début planted through a clump of low-growing, purple-leaved bugie Flowers for the house are still limited in choice, though primroses are in good supply for small posies. Horse chestnut, forsythia and cherry plum stems picked in bud will open within a few days to make a dramatic show in a large vase. The red and gold stems of dogwoods can be used to provide extra colour in an arrangement, after you have carried out the pruning of those plants required at this time of year. Cutting back ensures a good crop of young stems for next autumn and. winter. The popular red dogwood Cornus alba (which includes Sibirica, also known as Westonbirt, the variegated Elegantissima and Sibirica Variegata) should have all stems cut down to their base. Treat the yellow stemmed Cornus stolonifera Flaviramea in the same way. Willows such as *Salix alba* Chermesina (orange-red stems) or Vitellina (yellow) should be cut back fully only once every two years or have half the stems pruned out each year. If you wish to increase

they should flower in late summer Begin planting enion sets (about 4in/10cm apart). Begin sowing Brassels sprouts in pots (plant outside from mid-Plant out pots of bulbs in

sheltered places once flowers have faded, having first given them a period of rehabilitation to outdoor Look out for the spring selection of perennial plants in garden centres: capitalize by dividing or taking cuttings from

The magazine HORTUS is introducing a series of "at home" days at Rhayader, Powys, with talks by celebrated garden enthusiasts including Jane Brown, Rosemary Verey and Penelope Hobbouse. The 10 "Hortus at Home" days, running from June to October, start at 10am and finish at 5pm (£38/£48 including lunch and refreshments). Prospectus from HORTUS, The Neudadd, Rhayader, Powys LD6

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WEEKEND WALK

Start from the large park-ing area beyond Fingle Bridge, well-signposted on the approach roads to the north-east Dartmoor village of Drewsteignton. Return over the packhorse bridge and take the signposted path to the left. It keeps close to the river, passing through oak trees.

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At the metal bridge turn right and climb to join a reinforced lane. Stride on to a gate on the right — the Hunter's Path and the entrance to the Drogo Estate. Continue along the steadily rising path.

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the path branches to drop steadily, first through birch. and then oak. Turn right at the end of the footpath and cross the bridge

to the carpark. Mary Welsh

WEATHER EYE

the storminess of this winter raises' questions about how it compares with extremes of the past. But such comparisons are not easy, as windspeed figures are not as simple as standard temperature, rainfall and sun-shine records.

Windspeeds are not only variable, but highly dependent on the locality. Gusty conditions can produce variations of a factor of three or four in less than a minute. The topography, combined with the ence or absence of trees or mildings, can also produce abstantial differences over short distances.

Standard meteorological practice is to make measu nents at a height of 10m (33ft) in an open site. Other measurements can be cor-rected to this height using empirical formulae. The average windspeed at head height is generally 20 per cent less than at 10m, while at a height of 30m (100ft) it is 20 per cent greater. Extreme gusts vary less with height.

On the basis of extreme gusts, the recent stormy period is not that exceptional. Only the storm on January 25 produced notable figures, with parts of southern England having gusts that might be expected once every 200 years. For the rest, the extremes have been at a level that might be expected once every decade.

Average windspeeds at specific sites are no more impres sive. The figure for Heathrow for the windiest spell between January 25 and February 26 falls well short of the record period of 32 days which occurred in 1967 between February 15 and March 18.

The number of days with gales and the number of storms may be more relevant. Figures can be obtained from measurements of the pressure gradients over the British Isles and translated into an estimate of the overall windiness across the country. But, inevitably, which area to consider and which level of winds to count is arbitrary.

In terms of the number of days with gales, this winter is not that exceptional. But in terms of the number of severe gales, southern Britain has been hardest hit.

So this winter only ranks alongside the other stormy ones of the past. This indirectly supports the widely quoted work of Professor Hubert Lamb, which indicates that the last two decades of each of the past four centuries have been notably stormy. Whether or not this is evidence of a 100-year cycle is still the subject of debate. What is more certain is that the current extremes do not fall outside the natural pattern of British weather.

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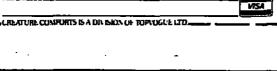
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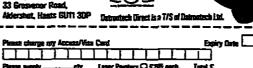
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Crafty ways to make a living

ually created pieces are becoming much sought after. By the year 2000, when our lifestyles will be inspired by colourful craftwork, the idea that we once craved the anonymity of matt black and chrome will seem an aberration.

Not Pots, Channel 4's six-part television series starting on Tuesday, is a celebration of craft disciplines of basketry, knitting, blacksmithing, disciplines new and old. Co-produced by Lisa Gee,

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WOODWORKING

Peter Chatwin and Pamela

Martin have found a new way

of working with wood. Using

nate in blocks of colour,

looking a bit like liquorice

alisorts, and finally machine

these into different shapes for

boxes, bowls, plates and

"We like to start with the

wood quite plain and white,

then build up the colour. That

BASKETRY

Some pieces take up to 50 hours to complete, others less British baskets are admired for their quality, durability than an hour, and they are and traditional shapes, but priced accordingly. But, she over the past eight years Lois says: "People expect baskets Walpole has brought them, almost single-handedly, into to be cheap because they have been brainwashed by the flood the 20th century. Ms Walpole of foreign imports which they studied sculpture at St Martin's School of Art but, realizing fact, they are all handmade and very cheap because it's virtually slave labour." how few fine art teaching jobs 1975, she joined the Inner • Stockists: The Rapid Eye London Education Authority collection is on sale in London

as a part-time basketry teacher. "I didn't have much experience and virtually had to teach myself from books to stay one step ahead of my students," she admits. When she was invited to take over running the course she revamped the syllabus. Later she became chief examiner in basketry.

was thanks to her husband, sculptor John Brennan, with whom she now works, that she began to experiment with coloured cane. It was his suggestion that she should transfer her painting interests to baskets by dyeing the cane before working it.

"I still use all the traditional techniques when making the baskets, because I don't believe it is possible to introduce new ones," she says. "But I like fast-growing English syca-working with unusual materi-als such as plastic tape, type-range of colours, glue together writer ribbons and washing-up the wafer-thin sheets of lamiliquid bottles - all nice materials in their own right."

It is important for her that the baskets are functional and not merely sculptural. "I don't mind what people do with jewellery, them, the challenge is in "We li making something visually

striking which can be used." Her baskets are mainly dyed natural woody quality still cane or dyed willow. Half of what she does is made up in acquires a nice fleck," Mr small batches by outworkers Chatwin says, adding that they Prices for the bread baskets, wood but to enhance its and ear-rings.

isconceptions that crafts are quaint and who runs the South Bank Craft Shop & Gallery at the craftspeople cranky seem set to vanish. In the Royal Festival Hall, London, it focuses on contemface of collective boredom with mass- porary work by 13 British designer-makers, and produced fashion and furnishings, individ- investigates why each has chosen their profession and the commercial problems they face.

Tying in with the series, the Crafts Council has mounted "Six Crafts on Four", a touring exhibition showing the work of designer-makers featured in the programmes. A workshop area brings to life the weaving, woodworking and jewellery-making.

qualities. The couple originally trained as metal workers and met in a shared workshop. Soon after establishing their partnership in 1981, they realized that their principle interest lay in making larger pieces; for example, sculptural-looking platters and bowls with an emphasis on the visual rather than the functional aspect.

Spurred on by recognition from the Victoria & Albert Museum, which purchased a bowl for its "Twentieth Cenat Contemporary Applied Arts (01-836 6993), Collier Camp-bell (01-287 2277), South tury" collection, and by the acquisition of two pieces by Japan's Kyoto Museum, they Bank Craft Centre (01-92) 0600), Crafts Council shop at steered their efforts towards more flamboyant, personal pieces, and hope eventually to

(01-938 8434), Bluecoats Dis-play Centre in Liverpool (051 709 5297), Oriel Gallery in Cardiff (0222 395548), and forgo jewellery.
Prices reflect the time taken
to make the pieces. A bowl, for example, may take two weeks Brewery Court Workshops in costs more than £1,000. These "one-offs" are now becoming collectors' items. The couple rarely make to special commission, selling through exhibitions and galleries. "People are moving away

from mass-production," Mr Chatwin says. "Until now, Britain's visual vocabulary hasn't been good. People have been starved of good visual objects, but now that these are more accessible they are being appreciated at last." Stockists: Chatwin and

Martin products are on sale in London at the Crafts Council shop at the Victoria & Albert Museum (01-938 8434), Contemporary Applied Arts (01-836 6993) and South Bank Craft Centre (01-921 0600), Birmingham City Museum & Art Gallery (021 235 2834), Ports-mouth City Museum (0705 827261) and Leicester Art Gal-lery (0533 554100). Prices from £40 to £70, include under the Rapid Eye label. are not trying to disguise the smaller pieces such as brooches of ear-rings to £50 for an

JEWELLERY

Caroline Broadhead has been influential in pioneering unusual jewellery made from acrylic. After training as a jeweller at the Central School of Art, she set up a partnership in 1978 with Nuala Jamison, a classmate, making and selling "the new jewellery" under the tradename, C and N. As well as buttons and buckles for Jean Muir's bi-annual fashion shows, the partnership supplies designers Ally Capellino and Vivienne Westwood.

"Although we work with put as much value into the pieces as possible, exploring new methods of working with materials," Ms Broadhead says.

Ten years ago people were suspicious of spending money on a non-precious material and our jewellery has always been fairly expensive because of the amount of hand work. It is probably too costly for department stores, but craft galleries take a different attitude and tend to value the work on its

Ms Broadhead does not like working to private, individual commissions, preferring instead to make pieces reflecting her own ideas.

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Bent on brighter baskets; Lois Walpole cleverly weaves colourful artistic designs into her pre-dyed cane and willow basketry





Dyeing art: Pamela Martin and Peter Chatwin pre-colour wood Jewellery: Caroline Broadhead uses non-precious materials

'Old Masters' to order

• Q: When is an original not an original?

A: When it's an original 'fake'

f you think you have seen Susie Ray's oil paintings somewhere before you are not mistaken. The difference is that the Gauguin" shown here is destined to hang in a private home or office, rather than the Louvre or National Gallery.

Ms Ray, aged 32, specializes in one-off copies of works by ' artists as diverse as Gauguin, Renoir, Monet, Whistler, Manet, Stubbs, Caravaggio and Modigliani. Each, she claims, is technically correct, executed in oils on the sort of canvas used for the original, and mounted in a frame in keeping with the original.

Signed Susie Ray", such paintings are described as being neither fakes nor forgeries, but collectors' pieces in their own right.

These days, Old Masters change hands for millions of pounds. As copies become a more acceptable medium, trained artists are starting to plug the gap in the market for affordable reproductions.

Ms Ray is not alone in her venture Daniel Delamare runs a similar operation with a studio of artists in Paris, while other copyists work out of Miguel Canals's studio in Spain. But where Ms Ray's works have the edge is in her technical competence and her ability to reproduce the spirit of the original.

A former student at Chelsea Art College, and winner of a first class BA Honours degree in scientific illustration at Middlesex Polytechnic, Ms ■ Ray is modest about her work. "An Old Master takes about cight to 10 weeks to complete; 🚁 a Gauguin about four. Modern paints and glazes solve about every problem I would have in reproducing exactly the same colours as the origmals. I do only one copy of each and never repeat a

painting, so they are exclusive. "I couldn't paint a landape from imagination, even if I tried. I'm trained to paint



Portrait of a copyist at work: Susie Ray working on a "Ganguin", which could fetch up to £5,000

what is in front of me. I look at things with an illustrator's eye, not that of a fine artist."

Her work grew out of her large-scale trompe-l'oeil decorative murals, commissioned by leading interior designers such as Colefax & Fowler. But it was during a working holiday in Australia that she recognized the potential for copies of well-known works.

"I took a huge risk renting a studio to paint for several months solidly, without income, before my first exhibition in December 1988. she says. "I was quite surprised by the response - all but four paintings sold.

British Museum to appear at its 'Fake' exhibition, where I will be working on a Gauguin. I shall hold a selling exhibition of Gauguins in the studio at the same time."

Ms Ray has almost singlehandedly created a new market in the UK for this type of work. She doesn't price the must abide by copyright laws paintings on their rarity value



After Monet detail view of Susie Ray's "Yellow Irises"

but on the time taken to research and paint each one. This way, she is able to Then I was invited by the provide estimates for anyone wishing to have their own originals copied, either because they need to sell or because the paintings are too valuable to hang except in a bank vault.

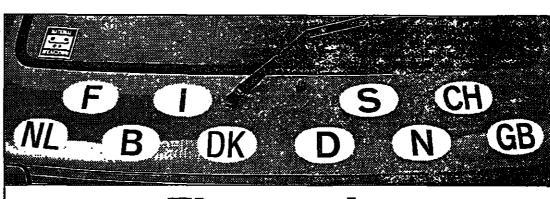
She tackles family portraits, landscapes, animals and wildlife, but points out that she which preclude her reproduc-

ing works by artists, such as Matisse or Picasso, who died less than 50 years ago.
At around £1,900 for a
Modigliani, and prices for the

Gauguins ranging from £3,500 to £5,000 plus VAT, many people would think twice before splashing out on a copy. however good it may be. But Ms Ray insists: "I think they will increase in value." Caroline Oliphant, director of Bonhams the auctioneers' picture department, says: "Good quality copies will always increase their value because of their decorative nature. It's very much a decorative, rather than a collector's, market."

Beauty, after all, is in the eye of the beholder, whoever wielded the brush. • "A View of Gauguin" runs until March 21 at Susie Ray Originals, 10 Stukeley Street, London WC2 (01-831 4878).

• The Fake" exhibition at The British Museum, Russell Street, London WCI, continues until September 2. Ms Ray will be painting there until March 21.



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London WC2 (01-836 3161). Wed.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: A new and large-scale production by Wolfgang Weber of Der Rosenkavalier with Sir Charles Mackerras conducting an interesting cast headed by Rita Cullis and Donald Adams. Hippodrome, Birmingham (021-622 7486). Tues and Sat Mar 17.

GUILDHALL SCHOOL: The school's Opera Department presents an enterprising French uoune nill of Ibert's Angélique and Falla's La Vida Breve. The performance is in collaboration with the London Contemporary Dance School. GSMD, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Mon.

SCOTTISH OPERA: The company's powerful new production of La forza del destino with John Mauceri conducting his new edition which includes Verdi's original prelude and finale. Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-557 2590). Tues.



RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: Last performance today of the programme including Merce Cunningham's Doubles. Ashley Page's Currulao, to a Latin-American score by Orlando Gough, premieres Tues, joined Wed-Set Mar 17 by Richard Alston's new Dealing With Shadows, set to Mozart's music. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916).

SCOTTISH BALLET: Gala premiere on Fri of new programme with premieres of Balanchine's Scotch Symphony and Who Cares? and Oleg Vinogradov's production of

Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234) until Mar 24, then touring.

JAZZ

AMERICAN JAZZ AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC: With works ranging from Jelly Roll Morton to Herbie Harcock, the gala brings together Harry "Sweets" Edison, The RAM Big Band and the Academy Jazz String Quartet. Royal Academy of Music, London NW1 (01-935 5461). Mon.

KENNY DAVERN: First date of a lengthy tour by the American swing and mainstream clarinettist. The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes (0908 583928). Fri.

EDDIE HARRIS: An early pioneer of fusion, the American saxophonist is best known for 'Freedom Jazz Dance' Bass Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476) Tues, Wed; Brighton Jazz Club, The Concorde (0273 606460) Frl.



"I must be happy": Alex Jennings, who is playing young Hjalmar, in rehearsals for Sir Peter Hall's new production of Ibsen's *The Wild Duck*

s young Hjalmar in the Peter Hall Company's production of Ibsen's The Wild Duck, Alex Jennings (above) says: "I don't like unpleasant things said to me. I have to be happy." Ibsen is not generally regarded as a humorous playwright, but Sir Peter, who has provided a new translation in collaboration with lnge-Stina Ewbank, says of his company's third production: "It is not going to be in the traditional British Ibsen green set, with everyone using hushed voices. We want to release the anarchic and wicked comic spirit of Ibsen. The play is painfully funny. It is, admittedly, very black comedy. I would have thought that the British, whose favourite playwright is Ayckbourn, would appreciate the mordant humour. I have wanted to do the play for some time, but only now has the right cast become available. Alex Jennings and David Threffall (who plays Gregers) ought to be young men rather than the fiftyish types usually seen. I have Nichola McAuliffe as Gina, Lionel Jeffries as her father, with Alan Dobie as Mr Werle and Terence Rigby as Relling." He adds: "We are touring it for eight weeks before the West End: to Guildford, where I haven't been since the Sixties with the RSC, then York, Manchester, Bath and Cardiff. I hope we can do something similar two or three times each year." Yvonne Arnand, Guildford (0483 60191). From Tues until Mar 31.

THEATRE TONY PATRICK

CHESS: National tour of the musical - lyrics by Tim Rice, music by former members of Abba begins. With Rebecca Storm. Plymouth Theatre Royal (00752) 9595). Benefit Fri. Ópens Sat

DAISY PULLS IT OFF: Jenny Killick directs the spoof based on girls' Haymarket, Leicester (0533)

Opens Mar 20. HENRY IV: Richard Harris,

539797). Previews from Thurs.

Sarah Miles, Ian Hogg and Harold Innocent in Pirandello's play, directed by David Thacker,

an route for the West End. New, Cardiff (0222 394844). Opens Tues. Until Mar 17. Moves on to Bath, Manchester, Wimbledon, Guildford and York.

MILL FIRE: Sally Nameth's play is about the aftermath of an industrial accident. Brian Stimer directs, with Clare Holman, Steven Hartley. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green,

London W12 (01-743 3388). Previews Wed, Thurs. Opens Fri. SUGAR HILL BLUES: Kevin Hood's tale of 1940s New York jazzers. With Pauline Black, Stefan Bednarczyk, Okon Jones, Liza Sadovy, Simon Slater, directed by

Ted Craig. Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon, Surrey (01-680 4060). Previews from Fri. Opens Mar 20.

BROADCASTING

STALIN: Ambitious three-part biography of the Soviet tyrant, with glasnost giving executive producer Phillip Whitehead and his team access to first-hand witnesses and much little-seen archive film. ITV. Tues, 10.35-11.35pm.

THE LAVENDER HILL MOB (1951): Alec Guinness as a timid bank clerk robbing his own bank with the help of Stanley Holloway and Sid James. Classic Ealing cornedy directed by Charles Crichton, who made a triumphant screen come-back with A Fish Called Wanda. BBC2. Thurs, 6-7.20pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Important show of 125 pictures (1920-36) by teachers at the influ-ential experimental German art school, including innovative photographer Moholy Nagy. Goethe-Institut, Princes Gate, London SW7 (01-581 3344). From

WHISPER OF THE MUSE: Exhibition of 60 photographs by Victorian amateur Julia Margaret Cameron. The works not only trace the influence she had on her contemporaries but highlight some of her own sources of inspiration. Colnaghis, 14 Old Bond Street, London, W1 (01 491 7408). From

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1 Dark, dismal (6) 2 Fire-raising (5)

7 Edward V murder

GALLERIES

CHRISTOPHER COOK: Now paintings of imaginary landscapes and anxious figures. Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, New Burlington Place, London W1 (0).

434 1768). From Wed. EDWARD WADSWORTH (1889-1949; A centenary exhibition of work by a pioneer British

BURTORUST. Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (01-435 2643). From Wed.

TRICIA GILLMAN: Recent paintings, occasionally featuring nude ligures, which exhibit Matisse-like decorativeness. Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Alexandra Road, Swansea (0792 655008). From today.

CONCERTS MAX HARRISON

CAMBRIDGE BACH: Cambridge University Consort of Voices, the King's Consort and many soloists combine under the baton of Timothy Brown to sing Bach's St John Passion. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Mon.

RAIMONDI RECITAL: Supported by the Moscow Conservatoire Orcnestra under Leonid Nikolaie Ruggero Raimondi sings arias by Mussorgsky, Gunka, Rimsky-Korsakov, Borodin, Tchalkovsky and Verdi.

Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Mon. RARE RACHMANINOV: Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducts the LPO in Respichi's seldom performed orchestration of five of Rachmaninov's Etudes-Tableaux. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tues.



Dramatic voice: Michael Chance

ichael Chance is one of the most dramatic and IVI musically intelligent counter-tenors to have come out of England since James Bowman, and he will be making his solo recital debut at the Wigmore Hall on Wednesday in a programme of 17th century English lute ayres. accompanied by Robert Spencer. Chance, who divides his time equally between recital work and opera, was one of many young singers who were nurtured and encouraged by the late and lamented Kent Opera: he sang in their Handel Agrippina, and Monteverdi Poppea as well as in Judith Weir's A Night at the Chinese Opera. Last summer he focused on Britten: his Oberon for Glyndebourne's A Midsummer Night's Dream was followed by an outstanding Apollo with its touring company. Now attention turns, seasonally enough, to the Bach Passions, with a St Matthew to be performed at Marviebone Parish Church on Sat Mar 24 and a St John at St John's, Smith Square on Thurs Mar 29. The summer takes him to festivals at Ludwigsburg and Utrecht for Monteverdi's Orfeo, and he will be taking part in an important new production of Il ritorno d'Ulisse in patria for the Netherlands Opera in October. Wigmore Hall, London W1(01-935 2141). Wed, 7.30pm, £5-£8.

On the warpath: Rebecca Smart as the heroine of Ann Turner's Celia

CINEMA

GEOFF BROWN

WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S (12): Rough-and-ready black comedy, with amiable performances from Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman as New York yuppes trying to hide their boss's demise. Directed by Ted Kotcheff. Odeon West End (01-930 5252). From Fri.

(12): Manfred Karge's play about unemployed youths staging a fantasy version of Amundsen's Antarctic adventure, boldly filmed in a Scottish setting by a strong new talent, Gillies MacKinnon, with buoyant ensemble acting. Electric, Portobello Road (01-792 2020), From Fri.

CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE

T t started with rabbits. In the 1950s, hundreds and thousands were hopping round Australia; to control numbers, the Government ordered all pets in the Melbourne area to be taken away from their tearful owners. When the authorities bowed to public outcry and arranged for the rabbits to be collected from the zoo, no-one knew which rabbit was whose. This curiosity of history tickled the fancy of a fledgling Australian film-maker, Ann Turner, who worked the story into her first feature film Celia - an astoundingly assured piece of work. In 1984, her screenplay won an award for Australia's Best Unproduced Script; the film reached the screen four years later. Celia, the heroine, is a lively nine-year old whose world never means the same once she discovers her granny's dead body. Fantasy creatures from a children's book haunt her; the next-door neighbours turn out to be - Heaven forbid! -Communists; then her rabbit comes under threat. Celia takes none of this lying down; by the end, this childhood memoir has turned into a horror tale. Rebecca Smart - 12-year-old veteran of films and commercials - plays the title role with a frightening authenticity that makes most Hollywood tots look like little rag dolls. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), from Friday, certificate 15.

ROCK **DAVID SINCLAIR**

JUNGLE BROTHERS: Funky but friendly rap troupe who, like their colleagues De La Soul, have broadened the emotional scope of hip hop to include warmth. humanity, humour and variety. Town & Country, London NW5 (01-284 0303). Fri.

BROTHER BEYOND: Squeaky clean, classically trained pop group, initially broken by Stock Antken and Waterman, now a hot property on the US dance chart. Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 223687) Wed; Sheffield City Hall (0742 735295) Thurs; Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 482525) Fri.

HOOTENANNY AT THE PALAIS: marathon in aid of the Cancer Help Centre in Bristol. Featuring Edward Il and the Red Hot Polkas, Andy White, God's Little Monkeys, Chris Difford and Glen Tilbrook (of Squeeze), Hank Wangford and Jo Ann Kelly and many others. Le Palais, London W6 (01-748 2812). Tomorrow.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH: UK debut for Vancouver-based band whose Anton Fier-produced album. Now and Again, echoes the Sixtles harmony rock style of groups such as the Byrds and Crosby, Stills and Nash. Borderline, London WC2 (01-497

2261). Tues.



Challenging: wild Irishwoman Mary Coughlan on tour with a new album

Coughlan returns to the London stage this week at the start of a nationwide tour to promote her latest album, Uncertain Pleasures. Born Mary Doherty, she was brought up during the 1960s in Galway town. But having journeyed to London and tried her hand at everything from nude modelling to road sweeping before returning to Galway, marrying and bearing three children, Coughlan was never going to be the archetypal Irish housewife. She recorded a debut album, Tired and Emotional (released in 1985), on a shoestring budget. It was a remarkable achievement showcasing her spirited attempts to apply an American blues singing style to Irish folk-rock while presenting a challenging outlook that combined politics with romance, anger with humour. Since then she has released Ancient Rain (1986) and Under the Influence (1987). Let down at times by sloppy working practices and soulless backing bands, she remains very much the woman on top. Katie Reilly's, Waterford (010 35 3517 8036) tonight: Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone (0303 53193) Mon; Dominion, London W1 (01-580 9562)

BRIDGE

Bridge players are expected to think ahead. At the station the traveller in front of you may exasperate you by waiting for the ticket to be produced before rummaging for the fare. At the bridge table unreadiness is not just a foible but a real shortcoming.



appears in durnmy, East only chance is that West has knows that, sooner or later, the queen of clubs or that the declarer will lead from South will misguess - as he hand and play the king. East should decide in advance normally good play unless there is an indication to the on trumps. In that kind of The safeness of ducking situation, to show that you are

played by West: does it suggest that the declarer may have a face down on the table and not singleton? In that case. East expose it until ready. should work out which cards from West will cause him to routine, when the opening duck and which not Whenever you can see that playing from dummy, even

you may be faced with alter- when the play is automatic. native plays in a suit, try to This may allow declarer to decide in advance what you will do, so that if you duck from his own hand, to leave when holding a critical card, opponents in doubt. you can do so without a telltale hesitation. In this deal you have to do just that. You are Dealer West. Neither side

vulnerable.

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S South ruffs the opening spade lead, cashes the A-K of

trumps, West following, and leads a club to the ace and a club back. You should duck this trick, a play that cannot cost. If South has the queen and can establish it the slam cannot be

The moment this holding diamond will go away. The probably will if you don't let the cat out of the bag by

may depend on the spot card not thinking about the current trick, you can place your card For the declarer it should be lead is made, to pause before

work out the best card to play Here is a quiz where you

in a trump contract and this is a side suit. East has overcalled in this suit and it is clear to you, though not necessarily to East, that the opening lead from West is a singleton.

In each case West leads the 7 and East plays the honour that will win the trick: that is, the queen in (1), the king in (2) and (1), and the ace in (4). Which card should you play

from your own hand, to keep

East guessing? You should assume that the only consideration is to deter a continuation.

K 8 5 4 DECLARER

DUMMY J963 DECLARER 3 DUMMY

DUMMY DECLARER

DECLARER

K43 Solutions:

(1) The correct card is the 10. East may then place his partner with J-9-7. If you play the 9, East will work out that West would not have led the 7 from J-10-7. If you play the jack, he will work out that West has not led from 10-9-7.

(2) You should play the queen. From East's angle, this could be a singleton, but the 5 or 4 could not, as West would then have Q-7-4 or Q-7-5 and would not have led the 7.

(3) This time the 4 from the closed hand is the only play that may work. East may think that his partner has led from Q-8-7.

(4) If you play the 4 or 3, East will know that West started with either 7-x or a singleton, and that it is safe to conunue. You should therefore play the king. If it works, you can dine out on the story for a month or two.

Albert Dormer | 12 Queojevic Yug

CHESS

asparov has added one N66 2 c4 Bb4 4 f3 more tournament victory to his remarkable A somewhat unusual sysand, indeed, record run of successes. Not since 1981 has tem but one that is gaining in popularity. Black's best rehe failed either to win first sponse is probably 4...c5 5 d5 prize outright or at least tie for first place in any international d5 5 g3 c5 7 cxd5 Bxc5 9 e5 0-0 11 f4 Qb6 13 Rh1 4 ... 6 e4 8 dzc5 10 Qzd5 Be7 exd5 Ntd7 tournament in which he has taken part. His win at Linares must have been particularly 12 Rxg1 gratifying for him, in that he emerged on top after a vicious

struggle against a generation

of Soviet players even younger

rounds Kasparov appeared to

be running away with the

after he mixed up his opening

systems, he went down in

style to Boris Gulko. It was

only in the final round that

than draw. Boris Gelfand, a 21-year-old

from Moscow, is establishing

a reputation as the principal

future threat to the Kasparov-

Karpov duopoly. This week's

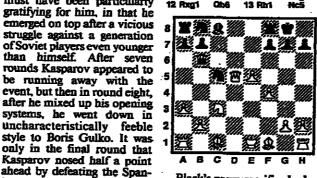
game sees him swiftly

despatching a great name from

White: Boris Gelfand;

Black: Boris Spassky. Nimzo-

a former era.

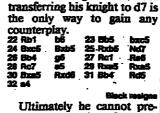


Kasparov nosed half a point ahead by defeating the Span-Black's pawn sacrifice looks ish grandmaster Illescas, while promising since White cannot his rivals could do no better yet castle and Black is on the verge of establishing a dominating lead in development. Nevertheless, with a few powerful strokes Gelfand demonstrates that Black's compensation is illusory. 14 64

Nes 15 Nes Ncs 17 Qd6 A fine move, forcing the Indian Defence, Linares, Febexchange of queens which cements White's advantage.

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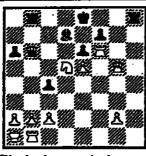
Cardis 18 eardis Bd7 20 NoS NoS 17 _ 19 K/2 21 bxc5 An amazing move, but



vent the promotion of White's extra passed "a" pawn. Popular Chess is a new maga-

zine published by chess enthu-siast Victor Mathias, designed to appeal to less experienced play-ers. For a sample copy, write to him at 235 Hackney Road, I order F7 8NA London E2 8N.4.

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Black plays and wins.

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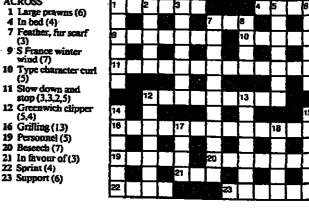
Solution to last Saturday's competition 1 Opn?+. The winners of last week's competition: H. McDonald, Britanhaud, Marse side; Netl Parrack, Cheltennal Goucessershire; Peter Booker, Wisto North Yorkshare.

Raymond Keene

CROSSWORD

CONCISE NO 2123

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 15. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, I Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, March 17.



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THE TIMES

Gascoigne under starter's orders

Paul Gascoigne, the Totten-ham Hotspur midfield player, Bobby Robson has criticized for his temperament and also described as "daft as a brush", earned a commitment from the England manager yesterday for a senior appearance for England in one of the next two internationals in preparation for the World Cup finals. Robson told a Football Writers Association lunch in London that over the next two matches, against Brazil at Wembley on March 28 and Czechoslovakia on April 25, David Platt, of Aston Villa, and Gascoigne would be in the starting team if they were fit.
Platt is expected to be the man to replace Bryan Robson,

ENGLAND SQUADS

ENGLAND (to play Brazil on March 28): P Shillian (Derby County), C Woods (Rang-ers); G Stevens (Flangers), P Packer (Queen's Park Rangers), S Packer (Not-tingham Forest), A Derigo (Chelses), D Weller (Nottingham Forest), T Buscher (Rangers), S Wright (Derby County), S Hodge (Nottingham Forest), D Phat (Aston Villa), P Gascoigne (Tottenham Hotspur), S Michishon (Liverpool), M Thomas (Arsensi), D Rocaste (Arsensi), G Waddie (Marsoillos), J Bernee (Liverpool), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur), P Bearding (Liverpool), S-Bail

games, Robson said:"The

team has dipped. He has

(Wokenhampton Wanderbrä).

Bitt AND B (to play Republic of Ireland B on March 27); D Seament (Queen's Perk Rangers), D Bessent (Chelsek); I Snodin (Reviron), L Dixon (Arsenal), N Winterbara (Arsenal), G Pallister (Manchester United), A Linighten (Norwich), A Adama (Arsenal), D Batry (Leeds United), P Lake (Alanchester City), C Palmer (Sheffield Wachester), M La Tissler (Southampton), A Stoter (Cusen's Park Rangers), A Dellau (Asten Mills. Il Milliamer (Sheffield Brazil. Bobby Robson said:"I ment in the international have no fears about him. He against Brazil, made it clear has not looked out of place when he has come on as a substitute." But, referring to Villa's defeats in their last two

he would make one experi- playing in the midfield.

that he knows his ideal formation for the World Cup. He indicated that the Manchester United pair, Bryan Robson and Neil Webb, who are named as non-playing dipped." members of the squad against Robson, who had admitted Brazil, both stood a chance of

Webb, who has not played this season through injury, has been pencilled in for a reserve team game by United on March 24, which is sooner than anticipated, and if he recovers form as well as fitness, he could play in a B international against Czechoslovakia or Denmark later in the season Robson said he was includ-

them know they were not out of mind: "For Webbit is a nice impetus," he said. An indication that latecomers might find it hard to force their way into the side, came when he said: "The team envisage in the World Cup

has to play at least twice in the

five games we have before

still undoubtedly No. 1. Robson said that Shilton "was ing like a bomb". Dave Sexton, one of Robson's lieutenants, had watched the ing the pair in the squad to let goalkeeper playing for Derby County against Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday and had reported that, but for him, Wednesday would have won

international against the

Republic of Ireland in Cork on

March 27, Robson exploited

his wealth of goalkeeping

Peter Shilton, even aged 40,

"Chris Woods has been with us a long time and has never let us down" Robson

4-0 rather than by a single

Dave Beasant named in the B the goal. He is a big guy. He is great on crosses.' described Beasant as very capable and said he too, had not let England down. With a final choice of three for Italy "one is going to be very

unlucky". Although Alan Smith, of Arsenal, and Kerry Dixon, of Chelsea, are both on the fringe, Robson said his choice for the B international was confined by arrangement to players aged approximately 25. He is introducing five newcomers, Matthew le Tissier, of Southampton, Tony Daley, of Aston Villa, the Sheffield Wednesday pair, Dalian Atkinson and Carlton Palmer, and Andy Sinton, of

Don Howe, the England and Rangers coach The England squad for It-

alv. it was revealed vesterday. will share a bonus of £1.5 million if they win the World Cup. Each of Robson's 22 squad members could collect £70,000, some without kicking a ball. The pool comprises a bonus of £35,000 per player from the Football Association plus £35,000 from commercial contracts. Progress from the first phase in Sardinia in June would guarantee £10,500.

The overall figure is in excess of that being offered by Scotland to their players for ultimate victory, which has been set at £32,500.

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Gooch raises the standard

From Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent Georgetown, Guyana

Graham Gooch stared out at the rain drilling boles in swelling puddles and shook his head dolefully. It was an unexpected reaction from one who may now be spared instant repayment on a loan from the West Indies, but then Gooch is increasingly a man

With Bourda under water after another night of wild, tropical weather, the second Test seems certain to be delayed: much more rain and it could be abandoned. England's 1-0 lead begins to look safe for another game. Still, Gooch was anything but

"It would be easy for me to sit here and rub my hands," he explained. "But I will be genuinely disappointed if we don't play because it would do us far more good to tackle this game and play well again, than sit around watching it rain. It is important for us to keep

Gooch's dispassionate nature is as valuable to his impressionable young players as his vast experience. Since the victory in Kingston he has a million mosquitoes. The been imposing upon them sound, stoical doctrine, including the danger of thinking negatively. Hence, his uncharitable view of the rain.

"The principal thing is to SLAV OD TOD OT OUT GAME because if we allow our standards to slip, even a little, they will beat us. It is as simple as that. One win has changed nothing. The same criteria apply - they still have the class and the experience. But while I accept that they can play much better than they did in Kingston, I don't subscribe to the theory that we are not capable of improving. We are

Gooch regards his sudden, popular elevation to hero status with an amused contempt. "it seems that in this job you are either a mug or a mastermind" he chuckles. "It's nonsense, all of it. There is no magic formula — quite the opposite. All I have done is preach the basics of Test cricket - bat as if you mean to stay there for ever and bowl to a tight off-stump line, elimi-

nating bad balls. "I am never surprised by victory because I am used to winning games with Essex. The nature of our win, the extent of the superiority. might have surprised me, but I am not taken in by it. We are going to have some fluctuaToday's teams

EST MOSES (probable): C G Greenidge, . Haynes, R B Richardson, C L Hooper, A Best, I V A Richards (captain), P J L Ion, C E L Ambrose, I R Bishop, C A Dujon, C. E. L. Ambrosse, J. R. Bitshop, C. A. Waish, B. P. Petterson. ENGLAND (from): G. A. Gooch (captain), W. Larldns, A. Sewert, A. J. Lamb, R. A. Smith, N. Hussain, D. J. Capel, R. C. Russel, G. A. Small, A. R. C. Fraser, D. E. Malcolm, E. E. Hemminger,

inexperienced and we discovered in Wednesday's one-day match the consequences of not being at our best. They beat us very easily.

In 1981, when Gooch and England were last in Guyana, the one-day international was the only cricket played. Even if politics had not intervened, that would probably have remained the case. The prospect of a similar fate weighed heavily on the captain yesterday as he tried to organise something remotely authentic as an eve-of-Test practise

Outdoor nets could be discounted and the indoor gymnasium, used by the 1981 team, was vetoed by Gooch, who remembered all too well the uneven contest in that place of torture. "We played five-a-side football matches. There were 16 of us and about mosquitoes won easily."

Another possible venue was a disused car park where, nine years ago, the unfortunate Robin Jackman bowled his first balls in the Caribbean, "I remember Jackers marking out his run and moaning,

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recalls Gooch. "He knew about the deportation threat and he wasn't impressed at the thought of flying thousands of miles to bowl in a public car park before flying home

Soon after breakfast, Gooch had his players running up and down the sea wall road outside their hotel. "It is partly to make them sweat and partly to give them something to do. Boredom can be an enemy when it rains here and we have to try to keep them

As watery sunshine in midmorning gave some encouragement to ground staff, illogically watering the pitch and still talking optimistically of cricket some time this weekend, England went through the motions of team selection. It is to be the same strategy used in Kingston, a seventh batsman preferred to a fifth bowler, and although



In the shade: Robert Bailey, the England batsman, hopes forlornly for some action in the West Indies after appearing in one match on tour so far. He was again passed over yesterday

the off-spinner, Hemmings have no left-handed batsmen now been absent for four of was included in a squad of 12 have no left-handed batsmen now been absent for four of the last six West Indies Tests

Historically, Georgetown is a place for slow bowlers, but Gooch is influenced by two

he is almost certain to be seen off Arthurton, and they have replaced a fast bowler, the injured Marshall, with another fast bowler, Ambrose, rather than employ spin.

on this ground and he may believe he has not missed much. England have neither won nor lost here since 1954, a Marshall, incidentally, has creasingly likely to continue.

Middlesbrough sack Rioch

manager of Middlesbrough yesterday. Colin Todd, his No. 2, will take over at Ayresome Park. Coming just 16 days before the club's first Wembley final, when they will meet either Chelsea or Crystal Palace in the Zenith Data Systems Cup, Rioch's departure is something of a surprise. After four successive

League defeats Middlesbrough are contemplating relegation to the third divison, but that has to be set in the context of Rioch's achievment in raising the club from the third to the first division in successive seasons between

Widely regarded as unfortunate to be immediately relegated back to the second division last scason, the Teessiders' subsequent poor League form has been perplexing.

Four years ago, when Rioch succeeded Willie Maddren as manager, the town would have settled for simply having respect him, but he is a young a football club. In August manager who will learn.

Bruce Rioch was dismissed as 1986, Middlesbrough was in Personally, I stuck by him but liquidation, the official re-ceiver had locked the gates of

Ayresome Park, and the team played its first home match of the season on Harrlepool's ground. Many managers would have abandoned the cause but Rioch continued to train the players on borrowed grounds, for no pay. His optimism was rewarded when a consortium of local businessmen rescued

first division began. Rioch produced players of the calibre of Pallister, subsequently sold to Manchester United for £2 million, Cooper. and Ripley. However his insistence on a strict disciplinary code featuring regular sock and beard inspections, grated

the club, and the rise to the

on some of the players. Bernie Slaven, the Middlesbrough forward, said yesterday: "Bruce did not like anyone to undermine him. He had a few bust-ups with players who he felt did not

maybe he has done all he can here, and it is time for him to

Earlier this week, Davenport, a forward, asked for assistance from the Professional Footabllers' Association after Rioch suspended him when he replied "no comment," to a question from the manager regarding his views on last Saturday's defeat at Watford. Nevertheless Rioch was further hampered by serious injuries to leading

Colin Henderson, the Ayresome Park chairman, who dismissed Rioch after he refused to submit his resignation, yesterday said the board had reached an "amicable agreement," with the former Derby County and Scotland player. "We both feel it is in the best interests of the club. It is a very sad occasion for all of us, and we wish Bruce well for the future," he added." His contribution to the rebirth of Middlesbrough football club

New FA thinking over **Cup Final tickets**

By Louise Taylor

alter its policy of allocating FA Cup Final tickets in favour of the two finalists, at an FA Council meeting next week. This season the competing clubs will be given 51 per cent of the Wembley tickets, with the remainder being distributed between other clubs and

With Wembley's capacity reduced to 80,000, only around 21,000 tickets apiece will be allocated to supporters of the teams involved in this year's final.

In the past the system of allocation has been widely criticized as unfair and last season, in the wake of the Hillsborough disaster, Liverpool and Everton's allowance was increased to 37.500 each. This year Liverpoool, Everton and Manchester United, have said they will waive their allocation, and the FA could decide to ask other clubs to do

The Football Association may troducing a new system next

Such a change in policy could provide each of the finalists with up to 5,000 more tickets, thus easing a state of affairs perceived as unjust by the Football Supporters' Association. After the 1988 final between

Liverpool and Wimbledon the trading standards department of Liverpool City Council researched the issue and discovered that in reality many tickets intended for clubs and associations ended up re-sold to genuine supporters at vastly inflated prices on the black market.

The FSA yesterday urged Brent Council to withdraw Wembley's safety certificate if the FA did not amend its ticket strategy.

The Football League is also understood to have put pressure on the FA to re-consider the matter after receiving

likewise before officially in- protests from several clubs.

over trip to make Scottish Cup draw By Roddy Forsyth The politics of football, and the role of politics in football, were more in evidence in westerday than the politics of football, and the role of politics in football, trip down the M8 motorway to play St Mirren, aware the trip is likely to be hazardous.

Thatcher attacked

appraisal and prediction which normally precedes the weekend fixtures

The Prime Minister found herself in the middle of a degree of controversy, which centred on the propriety of her visit to Ibrox today, where she will make the draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish

Since the quarter-finals of the tournament have yet to be played, and the precise constitution of all four ties is not yet clear, there are those who feel that Mrs Thatcher's aid in selecting the semi-final pairings is premature.

In addition, the choice of Ibrox for the performance of the ceremony has been held to be inappropriate since, this afternoon, Rangers are not at home, nor do they retain any interest in the Scottish Cup. having been dismissed by Celtic two weeks ago.

However, it is evident that the Prime Minister is unlikely to confine her activity to drawing names from the ballot, and it seems we may about the Taylor Report and its effect on Scottish football

Once that is out of the way, noon, we can return to our contemplation of a premier division in which Rangers have maintained a formidable lead while enduring a spell of indifferent form, which has seen them fail to win any of their past four matches.

played a remarkable degree of split personality this season, having beaten each of the leading five teams and lost to each of the clubs at the lower end of the division.

"We have lost four matches this season to goals in injury time," Tony Fitzpatrick, the St Mirren manager, said. "I'm not complaining about time being added on to matches, because that is quite in order. "But I have stressed to the

players that they are not allowed to assume the match is over just because the referee is looking at his watch. If we had not lost those goals, we would be in a respectable midtable position instead of looking over our shoulders all the

Rangers, meanwhile, have worries of their own, and seem lethargic and unable to gain purchase on the kind of performance which carried them clear of the chasing pack in the New Year. With eight League matches

left to play, they merely have to deny their adversaries room to manoeuvre, and two points this afternoon would bring the title substantially within McCoist will return to his

forward beat for the chamsome time shortly before pions but Gough and Walters remain doubtful. The only other match which could alter the destination of the flag, in the event of a

Rangers defeat at Paisley, is

Aberdeen's visit to Easter

Road, where they will meet

SOLDIERS AND SIGHTS **IN TAIWAN**

TRAVEL

It was only two years ago that martial law was relaxed in Taiwan. The result is a heady atmosphere at once exhilarating and disconcerting. James Melville reports on an emerging tourism which is not for the faint-hearted. Page 63

NOT JUST A FERRY TERMINAL

Too many people drive off the cross-Channel ferry and straight through Boulogne without realizing what a rewarding town it is, Robin Young writes. He has found restaurants and hotels

in and around the town which are a good as those in more fashionable France. Page 61

THE SOUND **OF MUSIC**

Throughout spring, summer and autumn it is always festival time somewhere in Europe. To help music lovers choose, we publish the first part of Hilary Finch's guide, giving dates and booking Page 62

SEEKING A **BARGAIN?**

The latest state of holiday bookings is in Travel News.

Taking the High Road to Rugby's World Cup

Scotland's rugby team a home challenging the All Blacks on they're regarded as a side that run all the way to the World their own paddock in Dunedin never takes a step backwards."

Cup final at Twickenham on and Auckland on Accessive Saturday, November 2 1991.
The prospect of getting there without once having the leave their fortress at Mur rayfield ought to give the Scot a flying start. It only remain for Ian McGeechan to find team capable of exploining The Lions coach has engine home advantage. teen months in which to w

which has long proved beyond the reach of Scotla As you would expect i SCOTLAND other football team. such a canny race, the § are leaving nothing to cha They have brought one of the ain folk halfway across

While four of the I Nations were kicking off t year's championship at Twi kenham and Cardiff, the fift were ensconced at th Gleneagles Hotel listening with rapt attention to Ji

He is the Scot who got the All Blacks fit to win the ini ral World Cup in 1987 whose training techniques the envy of the rest of i rugby world.
"We have our own fitne

Blair.

programme but Jim gave us a insight into New Zealan thinking," said McGeechar 'We have learnt a lot from !

to be revealed, not just in the Five Nations championship b some weeks after the dom season finishes. The acid



SPORT ON MONDAY

Simon Sherwood marks your card for Cheltenham Alan Lee and David Gower on the second Test

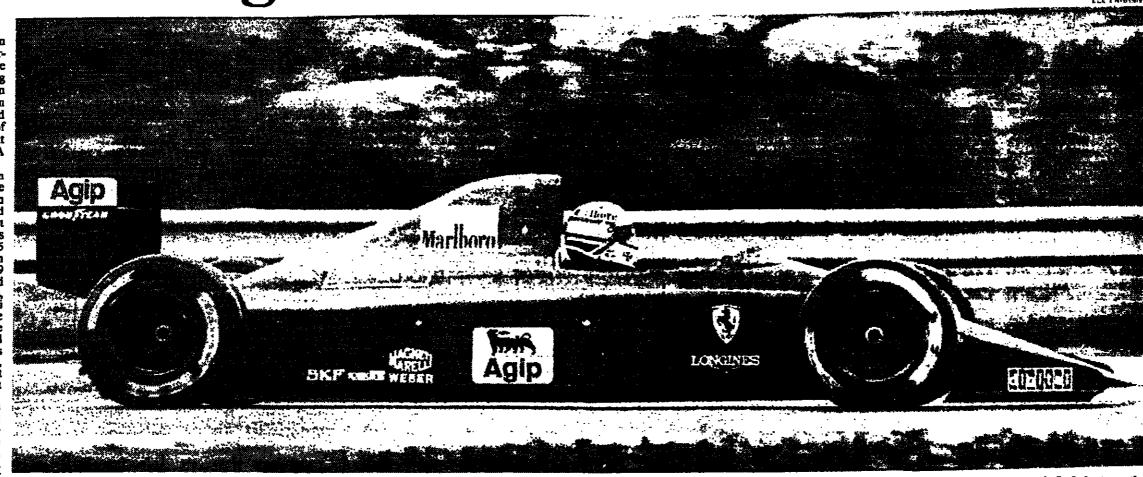
Light turns green on a season of promise

The streets of downtown Phoenix, Arizona, will reverberate to the sound of more than 16,000 horsepower being unleashed from 26 cars when the green light is switched on tomorrow to start the United States Grand Prix, the first of the 16 Formula One races that count towards the 1990 FIA World Championship.

Many changes have taken place since the Formula One cars and drivers last met in battle on the rain-drenched streets of Adelaide last November. Of the 35 drivers signed for the season, only 15 are still with the team with which they finished their 1989 programme. Even the world Champion has changed camps, Alain Prost preferring Ferrari to the tense atmosphere which, no doubt, would have prevailed had he spent a third season in the same team as Ayrton Senna. Instead, Gerbard Berger has left Ferrari to replace Prost at

Five two-car teams have a new driver line-up - Derek Warwick and Martin Donnelly have given an all-British flavour to Camel Team Lotus, Michele Alboreto and Alex Caffi are the new drivers for the renamed Footwork Arrows, now under Japanese ownership, Ligier Gitanes have Nicola Larini and Philippe Alliott, ESPO Larrousse are running Eric Bernard and Aguri Suzuki and EuroBrun Racing have Roberto Moreno and the newcomer, Claudio

Missing from the grand prix scene this season through lack of sponsorship are the Rial and Zakspeed teams, though inent and talented both are bravely predicting a competitors, have been put return in 1991, while Subaru aside. Coloni and Osella are running As one car each. A new entry is Life Racing Engines, an Italian-based team that will be -running a car powered by a Wconfiguration 12-cylinder engine for Sir Jack and Betty Brabham's middle son, Gary, who will be one of nine drivers subjected to that early Friday morning alarm call and the to stop moaning and get on



Britain's driving force: Mansell, who hopes to satisfy his own ambition and his country's expectations by winning a world championship this season, puts his new Ferrari through its paces during tests in Italy last month

qualification at breakfast time; as usual only the fastest four will join the 26 other contestants.

A new grand prix season always brings hope, and the most fervent of all is that the acrimony which pervaded the motor racing scene last season and the arguments surrounding some of the most promand talented

As Nigel Mansell, who suffered his share of controversy in Portugal last autumn, remarked at a recent get-together with the Press, no individual should consider himself bigger than the sport itself, and regardless of any personal grievances or feelings of injustice there comes a time

The familiar four teams are likely to be up at the front -McLaren-Honda, Ferrari, Williams-Renault and Benetton-Ford - but the era of one-team domination may have come to an end.

Honda

Marlboro McLaren's track record is outstanding. Team and en-gine-supplier have been together for only two years but in that time they have won 340 world championship points from 32 races. Ferrari, their closest challenger, could manage only 124, followed by Williams (first with Judd then with Renault engines) with 97 V12 already in the wings and Benetton with 78. In the waiting to be called on stage. course of those two seasons, McLaren drivers won all but seven of the races, Senna

HOW THEY FINISHED IN 1989 DRIVERS: 1, A Prost (McLaren-Honda); 2, A Senne (McLaren-Honda); 3, R Patrese (Williams-Renault); 4, N Mansel (Ferrari); 5, T Boutsen (Williams-Renault); 6, Å Namini (Beneton-Ford); 7, G Berger (Ferrari); 8, Nelson Piquet (Lotus-Ludd); 9, J Alesi (Tyrrell-Ford); 10, D Wannick (Arrows-Ford); 11, M Alborsto (Tyrrell-Ford), E Cheever (Arrows-Ford), S Johansson (Onyz-Ford); 14, J Herbert (Beneton-Ford), P Mariel (Minerd-Ford); 16, M Brundle (Brabham-Judd), A Ceffi (Dallara-Ford), A de Cesaris (Dallara-Ford), M Gudelmin (March-Judd), S Mo-

of of the most spectacular contemporary drivers. They also have a new car, an even more powerful version of Honda's V10 engine, and a Yet this could be a tougher year for the lavishly financed and highly professional team scoring 14 times and Prost 11. from Woking than either 1988 In Senna and his new or 1989. For a reason, one partner, Berger, they have two need look no further than the

little town of Maranello in northern Italy, the home of

Recent tests suggest that the momentum of the Italian team's progress has accel-erated considerably during the winter and, although McLaren are still fielding the most powerful cars, this situation may not persist beyond midseason, by which time the

In Mansell and Prost, they have two of the most talented and motivated drivers in the business and throughout the team there is a burning ambition to put Ferrari back on

Much, too, can be expected from the Canon Williams team, where Riccardo Patrese and Thierry Boutsen now have the benefit of a wellsorted chassis and a secondgeneration Renault V10 engine, considerably more powerful than the predecessor that powered Boutsen to two surprise victories last season.

Benetton Formula's fortunes should also be on the rise after an impressive increase in power output from the Ford V8 engine towards

would be delivering over experience and renewed motivation of the three-time champion, Nelson Piquet, plus the exuberance of Alessandro Nannini, could prove to be a strong racing combination, while the establishment of an important new research-and-dev-

elopment division under John

Barnard's direction should ensure the growing technical stature of this team. Many other questions will

be answered during the weeks ahead. How much more effective will the Lamborghini V12 engine prove to be in its second season, and can it help give Warwick his long overdue first grand prix victory? How close to the front of the field can the brilliant Jean Alesi - the find of 1989 - take

merly March) team emerged from its 1989 trough and been restored to its 1988 form? How will the new Subaru, Neotech and Life 12-cylinder engines perform in their first Formula One season? Will Goodyear be able to maintain their race tyre supremacy, or has Pirelli been able to back up some excellent qualifying tyres with some winning race nubber?

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Meanwhile, the overall prognosis is good. The contest is between 35 drivers representing 19 different teams which in the course of the season will be using nine makes and at least 14 different models of engine. There has never been such variety in Formula One, nor have the prospects for a vintage season

Loyalty drives Senna back to the arms of the fast life

to anonymous engineers and mechanics here in the pits, back at McLaren's in Woking and at Honda's in Japan, forces Ayrton Senna to go to the starting line for tomor-row's opening Formula One grand prix. But for them, and for Ron Dennis, head of McLaren, Senna would already have retired, or would at least be unlikely to complete this season.

Nothing but a sense of loyalty

"I hope that when I sit in the car it makes me go the way I like to go," Senna said yesterday as be sat brooding over dinner. "Otherwise there is no way I can maintain involvement. I need again that almost trembling feeling when I stand beside the car that you have when you see the woman in your life that you are crazy for. "When you step into the car,

it is like an embrace, your whole mind and body is stimulated, but with an intensity in a car that you cannot find in a woman. You are playing with

tors at every corner, lap after lap. When I came for testing the new car for testing in ing wasn't there."

When, on Thursday, Senna's controversially issued racing licence was handed to him by Yvon Leon, the General Secretary of FISA, he felt empty: frustrated at having been denied the democratic right to express his view of the disqualification in Tokyo last which denied him the possibility of retaining the drivers' world champions Was this piece of paper, he asked Leon with irony, what all the fuss had been about?

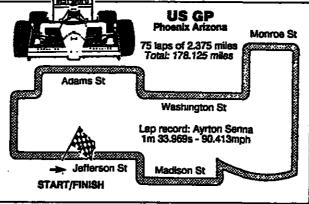
A month ago, as negotiations with the vacillating Jean-Marie Balestre, the autocratic president of international motor racing, reached a climax.

Seuna told Honda's vice president, Kawamoto, and Dennis that there were, for him, two alternatives: for him to resign, or fight it to the courts. As the negotiations became more tortuous, Senna realized he could not push his team, McLaren and Honda and the sponsors, to the brink.

"If I had only myself to "But if I stopped, I would jeopardize a whole team, who put together something so special with such commitment. I cannot let them down, there is a minimum that I must do for them. All these people need it more than me. I need only the elation of winning." As for legal action, Senna

reflects, he knew how much tension Dennis had experienced for three months, and he sensed that Dennis was over the limit of endurable stress. With his immense respect for Dennis, he did not want to push the team "into dark areas wher we never knew what the other side would do next." When Seuna accepted the

FOUR DRIVERS TO FOLLOW TO THE CHEQUERED FLAG



sickened feeling at forfeiting a principle.

"I don't think it was as strong for Ron as for me," he says. "I knew that I was the one who would have to live with it. It left me empty - and now the motivation is not there in the car. That's why I'm feeling relaxed, which is all know yet how the car will be, whom Nigel Mansell is now

compromise, it was with a but if I start winning, perhaps the hunger will return, the motivation of obliging Balestre to hand me that trophy a

second time."

What are his chances? Noone really knows until we see how the new cars are responding: the improved Honda V-10 of McLaren, last year's constructor's winner, the Rewrong. I'm boping maybe the nault V-10 of Williams (secmotivation will return during ond last year), the power-racing. I'm waiting. We don't boosted V-12 of Ferrari, for

partnered by Alain Prest. Such is the influence of the

little Frenchman with the Aznavour looks, three times champion, that he was able, as he revealed on Thursday, to demand from Ferarri before be signed for them for 1990 in the middle of last year's campaign with McLaren, that they immediately cease design and start re-developing for 1990. Balestre is not the only fount of power in this sport.

Prost will bring to Ferrari, with Steve Nichols, the enrineer also signed from McLaren this winter, an unequalled experience for design adjustment during per-

Yet all drivers are threatened by the fact that design development has the cars literally running away from them during cornering. The G-forces are such that the drivers cannot cope with the acceleration/road-holding capability of the car, and are in danger of blacking out as centrifugal force hurls their

TO WIN US GRAND PRIX (Ladbrokes): 9-4, A Senna; 5-2, N Mansell; 3-1, A Prost; 7-1, G Berger; 12-1, R Patrese: 14-1, T Boutsen; 25-1, A Namini; 33-1, N Piquet; 40-1, J Alesi, P Martini; 68-1, I Capelli, D Warwick; 100-1, M Donelly.

TO WIN CHAMPIONSHIP (Ladbrokes): 5-4, Senna: 100-30, Prost; 5-2, Mansell; 7-1, Berger; 14-1, Patrese: 16-1, Boutsen: 25-1, Nannini, Piquet: 66-1, Martini; 100-

bead and neck outwards.

"We are finding our body is on the limit before the car is," Senna said. "If you are very fit. you are aware of your own limits, and it's up to you when to back off. Before the end of the year, as the cars become even faster, we shall experience some real difficulties."

if it became increasingly and designers that the situation was getting out of control. then designers would have to look at ways of reducing the problem. Yet as Senna says, reducing the cornering capab-

reducing the track-size and therefore grip of the tyres -may in certain circumstances increase other dangers. "If you are losing control and have to brake, you have less tyre to help pull you up." Senna says. He and Gerhard Berger are experimenting with new,

lighter belmets. clearly concerned about the reliability of their new Ferraris, never mind that another 20 horse power has been found, to give them an apparent second or two advantage over McLaren during test runs. Prost says: "We're under

pressure." Tomorrow, on a street circuit where an error of only inches may mean hitting the Dennis said yesterday that wall, judgement is on the line: not to say, as always, life itself. apparent to team managers Thankfully, temperatures are expected to be 20 degrees below last year's 100 degrees Fahrenheit. It can be a cruel sport. Most of us would happily settle for an afternoon with the woman in our lives.

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Alain Prost Team: Ferrari Nationality: French Age: 35 World champion: 1985, '86, '89 GP wins: 39



Ayrton Senna Team: McLaren-Honda Nationality: Brazilian Age: 29 GP wins: 20



Team: Williams-Renault Nationality: Italian Age: 36 Best performance: third, 1989 GP wins: 2



Alessandro Nannini **Team: Benetton-Ford** Nationality: Italian Age: 30 Best performance: sixth, 1989

1990 FORMULA ONE TEAM ENTRIES

FERRARI: Drivers: car 1, Alain Prost (Fr); car 2, Nigel Mansell (GB). Chassis: Ferrari 641. Engine: Ferrari V12. Tyres: Goodyear. TYRRELL: Drivers: car 3, Satoru

Nakajima (Japan); car 4, Jean Alesi (Fr). Chassis: Tyrrell 018 & 109. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Goodyear. MILLIAMS: Drivers: car 5, Thierry Boutsen (Bel); car 6, Riccardo Patrese (It). Chassis: Brabham

MOTOR RACING DEVELOP-MENTS: Drivers: car 7, Gregor Foltek (Switz); car 8, Stefano Modena (it). Chassis: Brabham BT58. Engine: Judd V8. Tyres: Pirelli.

BT58. Engine: Judd V8. Tyres:

FOOTWORK ARROWS: Drivers: car 9, Michele Alboreto (It); car 10, Alex Caffi (it). Chassis: Arrows A11B. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR v8. Tyres: Goodyea.

CAMEL TEAM LOTUS: Drivers: car 11, Derek Warwick (GB); car 12, Martin Donnelly (GB). Chassis: Lotus 102. Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

OSELLA F1: Driver: car 14, Olivier Grouillard (Fr). Chassis: Leyton House CG901. Engine: Judd V8.

LEYTON HOUSE RACING: Drivers: car 15, Mauricio Gugelmin (Br); car 16, Ivan Capelli (It). Chassis: Leyton House CG901. Engine: Judd V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

BENETTON FORMULA: Drivers: car 19, Alessandro Nannini (It); car 20, Nelson Piquet (Br). Chassis: Benetton B189 & B190. Engine: Ford V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

SCUDERIA ITALIA: Drivers: car 21, Emanuele Pirro (It); car 22, Andrea de Cesarls (It). Chassis: BMS Dallara F190. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Pirelli.

SCM MINARDI: Drivers: car 23, Pierluigi Martini (It); car 24, Paolo Berilla (It). Chassie: M190. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres:

LIGIER GITANES: Drivers: car 25. Nicola Larini (It); car 26, Philippe Alliot (Fr). Chassis: Ligler JS33B. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

HONDA MARLBORO MCLAREN-Drivers: car 27, Ayrton Senna (Br); car 28,Gerhard Berger (Austria). Chassis: McLaren MP4/58. Engine: Honda V10. Tyres: Goodyear. ESPO LARROUSSE F1: Drivers: car 29, Eric Bernard (Fr); car 30, Aguri Suzuki (Japan). Chassis: Lola 89 & 90. Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

SUBARU COLONI RACING: Driver car 31, Bertrand Gachot (Bel). Chassis: Coloni C3 & C4, Engine: Subaru Flat-12 & V12. Tyres:

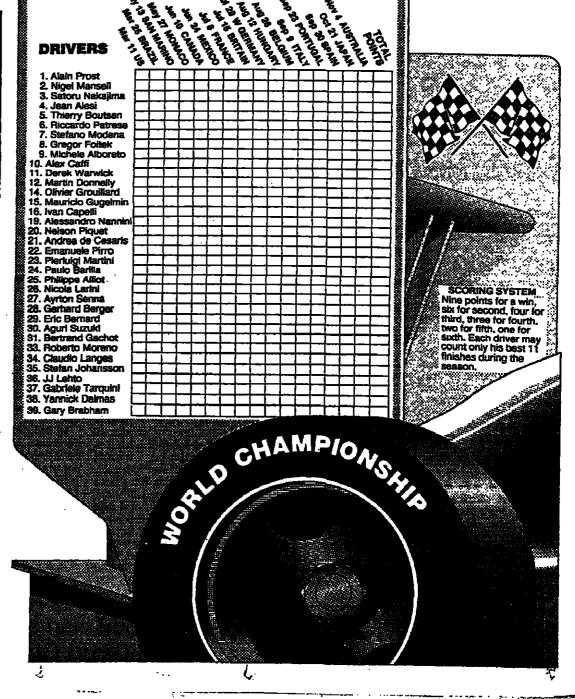
EUROBRUN RACING: Drivers: cal 33. Roberto Moreno (Br); car 34, Claudio Langes (It). Chassis: EuroBrun 189 & 190. Engine: Judd V8 & Neotech V12. Tyres: Pirelii.

MONEYTRON ONYX: Drivers: car 35, Stefan Johansson (Swe); car 36, JJ Lehto (Fin). Chassis: Onyx ORE-1 & ORE-2. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Good-

AGS: Drivers: car 37, Gabriele Tarquini (It); car 38, Yannick Dalmas (Fr). Chassis: AGS JH24. Engine: Ford Cosworth DFR V8. Tyres: Goodyear. LIFE RACING ENGINES: Driver: car

39, Gary Brabham (Aus), Chassis: Life F189/90. Engine: Life W12.

"For Phoenix, Caffi is replaced by Bernd Schneider (WG) and Pirro by Gianni Morbidelli (It).



SNOOKER

Rest puts

Wilkins ready for touch of the nitty-gritty



By Louise Taylor

Crystal Palace stand between Cambridge United and the distinction of being the first

fourth division side to reach the

division opponents in today's

quarter-final at the Abbey Sta-

dium they will be venturing into territory trodden on by only six

1954, York City in 1955, Nor-wich City in 1959, Palace them-selves in 1976, and Plymouth Agyle in 1984, were all defeated

at the competition's penul-

timate stage.

With the fourth division in existence since 1958 — when the policy of regionalizing the third

division into northern and southern sections was ended -progress into the last four would

entail Cambridge achieving what none of their peers had

managed in 32 seasons. Indeed

it is 14 years since a fourth

division representaive travelled as far as United have done already; Bradford City losing out to Southampton, the even-

Millwall in 1937, Port Vale in

third division teams.

By Peter Ball

With Liverpool looming on Sun-day, Ray Wilkins has been much in demand this week. He is relishing every minute of it, almost licking his lips at the prospect of another

Anyone who thought that the decision to exchange the solid blue shirt of Glasgow Rangers for the hoops of the rather less renowned West London variety marked opting for a winding down towards retirement did not know their man. At 33, with a career at three of football's biggest clubs, Manchester United, AC Milan and Rangers, behind him, his enthusiasm for the game remains

As guide and organizer, his influence is likely to be crucial if Rangers are to beat Liverpool. But he is not just an old head, insisting that his legs can still stand up to the rigours of the English first division. After his successful stint in the even faster and fiercer Scottish Wilkins: eager to face Liverpool game, few will doubt it.
"You become a veteran when you

"Alan Hansen is 33 but he's get his hair, so he's not a veteran."

That sometimes seems as good an explanation as any for the English habit of discarding our best players so early. It is not a mistake other countries make: the Belgian, Van Moer, and the Dutchman, Arnold Muhren, both making significant contributions to their national teams in their late thirties.

"I think there is a feeling in English football that, when you reach 30, that's it," he said, "But it's a crazy situation because, when you do get to 30, if you are in good condition, you've gained all the wisdom of playing and, therefore, at international level, you should really be in your prime. Inter-national football is a game of chess, and you are pitting your wits against the opposition."

Wilkins's taste for battles of wits is undoubted, and he loved his time in Italy. But, pressed, he admits his

view, Italy is a paradise," he said.

"Lovely climate, wonderful food.

bottom of what can sometimes be an over-cautious approach, which When I was there, we played 30 league games a season. You are playing on bowling greens, beautiful surfaces, and you've got no-one tackling you. You could look up and hit passes all over the field.

"Our game is more unpredictable, so more testing. In Italy, they have the ball; now you have the ball. But in our game, it ricochets off four players and lands at vour feet, and you have to adjust the whole time and play it as you see it. Everyone is on the boil the whole time. And it's nice to get in there and hustle and bustle, too. It's

That taste for hustle and bustle is certain to be satisfied tomorrow afternoon. It is not his natural game, but his readiness for it is very

A players' player, taking respon-sibility is something he has done ever since he came into the game. At times, perhaps, it has been the source of his weakness as well as his strength. His refusal to give the ball away or pass the back is at the

an over-cautions approach, which at one time persuaded Ron Atkinson to liken him to a crab - "always going sideways".

The gibe is remembered. What is forgotten is that, after his initial doubts, Atkinson was won over and so were the United supporters. They overcame their initial scepticism and twice voted him their player of the year, no mean feat for a midfield which also included Robson and Muhren.
Wilkins insists that he played to

orders, but admits that the caution was also a personal response to an unhappy situation. It began at Chelsea, where Wilkins burst on to the scene as a midfield player possessing extravagant gifts similar to those of a man who was to follow him, Glenn Hoddle. But the side floundered and Wilkins found himself, aged 19, captain of a side struggling unsuccessfully against relegation — a heavy burden which naturally inhibited him.

"When you come into the side as a young player, it is nice if you can play with gay abandon," Wilkins

and, when you are made captain, you do feel an extra respon struggled badly with it for some

But if he was inhibited, he also recognized the nature of English football. Where Hoddle continued to march to the sound of his own drummer, Wilkins fell into step with the English game.

"You change with the times. The game now demands that everybody works up and down, and you have to change or you get left by the wayside. You have to adapt to what is going on around you.

"We all like to get on the ball and spray it around, but it isn't always possible. Sometimes you have to roll your sleeves up and have a bit of the nitty-gritty occasionally. I'm not a great lover of it, but it has to be done. At Liverpool, they all do it. They all work very hard. So, on Sunday, we have to match that physical endeavour."

It is safe to assume that Liverpool will find Wilkins ready for a bit of the nitty-gritty.

Parrott in right frame

of mind From Steve Acteson Lyon

Life has not exactly been unkind to John Parrott; last season alone he won more than £300,000 in prize money. Even so, the world No. 2 from Liverpool, knows there is room for improvement in the quality of his snooker life.

Since January 1988, Parrott has appeared in nine major finals and won only one, the European Open, of which he begins his defence here tomorrow against Wayne Jones of Wales in the last 32 stage. Parrott, aged 27, is not given

to making excuses. He readily admitted that his heavy defeat by Steve Davis in last season's world championship final had cost him sleepless nights but the mental scars had healed by the time he met Jimmy White in the climax to the Everest World Matchplay in December. A nose bleed before the start

A nose oben before the start upset him then and a disintegrating cue tip had a similar effect when he met Stephen Hendry in the Benson and Hedges Masters final. "I have not won enough finals," Parrott says, "but on the other hand I have lost to the two hest players. have lost to the two best players in the world, Davis and Hendry, in six of them.

"I went through a patch when I was an amateur when I couldn't win a final but I kept battling away and suddenly something clicked and I won 14 tournaments in one season; if I get one lucky break something milar could happen again.
"I hope nobody gets any silly

ideas about me being some sort of pushover — a sort of con-stantly stuffed Parrott — because I'm as hard as anyone in the

"After I lost to Steve Duggar in the British Open I took a week off and did all the normal things like going shopping with the wife. But I needed the rest and by the end of the week I couldn't wait to get back to the practice table. I've been there ever since and I'm raring to go. Bob Chaperon, the French Canadian who caused such an upset by winning the British Open title last weekend, has a stern test tomorrow when he plays Davis for a place in the last 16. Alex Higgins, the beaten British Open finalist, plays today when he rapidly re-ac-quaints himself with Steve James, whom he beat in the British Open semi-finals.

The tournament was promised a sponsor but the World Spooker Association has yet to thus will presumably have to bear the costs of the event which includes a £200,000 prize fund — themselves with their partners in overseas events, Transworld International, Mark

IN BRIEF

Lehmann

races to

1,000 runs

Adelaide (AFP) - Darren Leb-

mann yesterday became the youngest player to score 1,000

runs in an Australian first class season. Lehmann, 20 last

month, hit his fifth century of

the summer for South Australia

as he crased a record held by

Doug Walters for 24 years. Lehmann scored exactly 100

on the opening day of the Sheffield Shield match against

tual winners, in a 1976 sixth Only two other clubs from the **Spanish**

challenge

United manager, returns to Spain tomorrow to take charge of the Spanish first division club. Cadiz, for the rest of the

Addison has been out of work since being dismissed as man-ager of Atlético Madrid last May. Cadiz are one from bottom of the table and are honing Addison can save them from relegation. "There's nothing definite after that, but if I can keep them up there's talk of a contract at the end of the season," Addison said.

Addison has had two previous spells in Spain. He led Celta to division three years ago, and took over as manager of Atlético Madrid 14 months ago after Ron Atkinson had been

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for the UEFA Cup, he became the eighth manager in two years to be dismissed by Jesus Gil, Atlético's all-powerful pres-

His successor, Clemente, was dismissed by Gil last week even though Atlético are second in

Cold showers may lead

to hot water for Palace

semi-finals of the FA Cup. If United can overcome their first league basement have pro-gressed to the final eight; Oxford United in 1964 (the Ron Atkinson playing era), and Colchester United in 1971.

If Cambridge go one better and carve their own slice of history, John Beck, the man-ager, will have no hesitation in attributing the success to a cocktail of simplicty, hard work, and cold showers before

produced such a blend on the field that Cambridge have suffered only one defeat in 14 games since Beck succeeded Chris Turner. Intended to eliminate sluggishness, the cold water treatment has already helped United douse the FA Cup aspirations of Millwall, from the first division, and Bristol City, the then third division leaders. The upshot is that interest in a town dominated by the Univer-

sity on one hand, and a burgeon-ing computer industry on the

other, has escalated to the point that tickets for the fifth round replay against Bristol City ex-changed hands for £50, 10 times their face value, on the black

on the part of locals who are more inclined to spend Saturday afternoons on bicycles than packing the Abbey Stadium (average attendance 2,500).

Such ambivalence towards football is hardly surprising considering that United's Cambridge have risen to the second division and fallen back to the fourth but not before they finished a mere five places away from promotion to the first division in 1979-80, a feat that will pale into insignifican Palace are seen off today.

Seven second division team have managed to upset the status quo and actually win the Cup: they are; Notes County in 1894, Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1908, Barnsley in 1912, West Bromwich Albion in 1931, Sunderland in 1973, Southamp-



Hot line: The phone never stops ringing for John Beck, Cambridge United's manager, while his club remain in the FA Cup

Addison's Palace are inspired to chase Algeria go Wimbledon's Cup rainbow

By Chris Moore

Wimbledon may be out of this timism from the way ing up his players he produced constructions at their theyoutplayed the Lions at their one of the quotes of the season:

Colin Addison, the former cample is still very much on own game in the fourth round. "We know how they are going to the minds of at least one set of Doing the same to Palace will play, tactically anyway, but I earn them the distinction of surviving participants. Crystal Palace travel to Cambridge United with a brief to take a further step towards emulating becoming the first fourth divison team to reach the semi-The Wimbledon ethos will

the achievement of their south London neighbours in winning even be in evidence at Bramall Lane, where Sheffield United entertain Manchester United the compenition two years ago.

Few managers, publicly at least, compare their players to those at Plough Lane, but Steve Coppell, ever the realist, is an tomorrow. Dave Bassettwas not in charge when Wimbledon beat Liverpool in 1988, but few would dispute that he fashioned the nuclues of that winning exception. "Clubs like Wimble-don have allowed us to dream, team. Now the same route one approach is paying dividends in Sheffield. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "Dave Bassett believes in playing a and I feel we are very similar to them in many ways. We have the same collective spirit and ability, and they have shown us what is possible," the Palace manager said. With both Palace and Camcertain way, and every team tends to mirror its manager." If with both raises and cani-bridge disciples of the long ball, the spirit of Wimbledon will probably also be in evidence at the Abbey Stadium this after-noon. Yet while the capacity crowd of 10,200 will be unlikely that is really the case, cynics might say that United's recent eague teams have reflected an

indecision and lack of confidence on Ferguson's part. Chips on shoulders, and into see too much fancy footwork, feriority complexes cannot be said to apply to Kenny Dalglish. The Liverpool manager takes the Cup holders to Queen's Park it should be a close contest. n snound be a close contest.

John Beck, the Cambridge

United manager, said: "Palace
play in our kind of style, but at a

First Division level." Millwall, Rangers tomorrow, anxious to avenge a 3-2 league setback earlier this season. Presumably too, adopt the direct approach, and Cambridge will derive opas part of the process of psych-

don't know if they know how we are going to play."

Oldbam Athletic and Evertor

are still stuck at the fifth-round stage, with the winners of to-day's second replay on the Boundary Park plastic awaiting Aston Villa next weekend. The previous two drawn fifth round ties have resulted in nine bookings for Everton, but with Whiteside suspended, one

potential miscreant is removed. In the League, Aston Villa will In the League, Aston Villa will return to the head of the first division, above Liverpool, if they beat Laten Town at home today. After two successive defeats Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, is expected to move Platt from the midfield into attach. into attack.

Considering that Bobby Robson is likely to ask him to assume the injured Bryan Robson's deep role for England against Brazil at the end of this month the timing is not the best. Nevertheless Platt appeared unruffled. "I used to see myself as a midfield, so now I am just a midfield player playing upfront," he said.

through as FA Cup Fifth round, second replay Oldham v Everton riot rages

Algiers (AFP) — Nigeria and Algeria gained places in the last four of the African Nations Cup here amid vastly different the Ivory Coast 1-0 but Algeria's 2-0 defeat of Egypt was played to a background of a battle outside the stadium involving riot police and angry supporters, who had been locked out.

Water cannon and baton-

charges were used to restore order after the three-hour riot. ♠ Kuwait — Kuwait, already assured of victory in the Gulf Cup, celebrated with a 6-1 victory over United Emirates in the final match here. Moham-med Ibrahim scored four goals. Belgrade − Partizan Belgrade are to request special police measures to prevent crowd trou-ble in the second leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-final against Dinamo Bucharest in Titograd. There was heavy fighting between rival

supporters during and after the first leg.

Paris — Hugo Perez, the United States midfield player who broke his right leg and tore ankle ligaments last weekend will know after tests, in a fortnight's time whether he can play in the World Cup finals. He was injured while playing for his French club, Red Star.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS Southampton v Derby

Ritchie, Oldham's leading scorer, is sidelined by a groin strain. Barrett (heel) is doubtful. Watson (head) is doubtful for Everton; Keown stands by. Sixth round

Cambridge v C Palace Cambridge. Palace are without Bright (suspended), and expect to also lack Wright, who suffered training injury on Thursday after recovery from a broken leg.

Aston Villa v Luton Mountfield (knee) is absent for Villa; Gray is the likely deputy. Luton are without Wilson (groin) and Johnson (throat) but welcome back McDonough and

Chelsea v Norwich Clarke is fit but with Hall at right back he makes the substitute's bench for Chelsea, Durie is expected to start in attack. Linighan returns to the Norwich defence after injury, but Sherwood and Coney are omitted.

Man City v Arsenal City field the side which lost at Forest last week. With Clarke omitted, Allen is substitute. Hayes and Marwood return to the Arsenal squad. Groves and Merson are missing (both knee), so Campbell could start in attack.

Notim Forest v Coventry Hodge (ankle) is missing for Forest. Livingstone returns to Coventry's attack after injury.

The second round of the Austrian Open Championship in

Salzburg began interestingly enough on Thursday afternoon

with a progression of seeded players in the usual varying

degrees of superiority. By mid-evening, however, the Bergheim

Rackets Centre was a seething

cauldron that will mark this

tournament as one of the more

extraordinary of this year's grand prix tour (Colin

SQUASH RACKETS

Cauldron in Austria

Andrews, Southempton's recent signing, is poised to make his debut in goal if Flowers (ankie) fails a finess test. Rideout (leg) is also doubtful and Case is suspended. Ruddock could be recalled to central defence. Lee is included in the squad. Derby are without Widolf (suspended). but Tottenham v Charlton

Gascoigne is expected to be fit for Tottenham, for whom Stewart's recall puts pressure on Walsh. Samways, Sadgley, and Thomes are all absent through injury and suspension. Chariton are without MacKenzie (groin). Reid and Gritt return to the squad.

Oxford v Leeds Oxford field the side which heat Oxford field the side which begs.

Bournemouth on Tuesday, Leeds introduce Speed to midfield for his first game of the season in place of Batty (suspended).

Watford v Newcastle Richardson replaces Porter (ankle) for Watford, for whom Gibbs (groin) faces a late fitness test.

Tomorrow FA Cup (sixth round) QPR v Liverpool QPR are expected to recall Falco to the attack after injury. Liverpool choose between Gillespie, fit again, and Hysen, back after suspension, in central Sheff Utd v Man Utd Bryson (Achilles tendon) and Morris (back) are doubtful for Sheffield. Manchester are

penalty points before evicting Ross Norman, the seventh seed

This was followed by a bitter

match between Chris Dittmar and Mir Zaman Gul, in which

scheduling problems, combined

with the early determination of the young Pakistani to fuel the

resentment of both players against each other.

Finally, Jahangir Kahn's own

and former world champion.

Caratti into tennis final

Oucensland.

Christiano Caratti, from Turin, yesterday reached the finals of the Serve and Volley tennis satellite event at Bramhall. Already the No. I seed in the Masters event next week, Caratti will face Mexico's Luis Herrera in today's final. Herrera has only dropped one set so far

Boxer lets title go Paul Hodkinson, the British and European featherweight cham-pion, has relinquished his domestic title in order to concentrate on his EBU commitments and a challenge for a world title. He meets Steve McCrory, of the United States, in a world title eliminator in

Manchester on March 28. Century Player Johannesburg (AFP) — Gary Player, one of only four players to win golf's grand slam, has been named South Africa's sportsman of the century.

Snow-hit downhill Stranda, Norway (Reuter) - A women's World Cup downhill race scheduled for yesterday waa postponed because of soft

snow on the course, Sponsors pull out British tennis will lose one of its sponsors, the Prudential Corporation, at the end of this year, after it decided not to

renew its sponsorship

aereement. Indurain moves up Toulon (AFP) - Miguel Indurain of Spain, last year's winner, took the overall lead in the Paris-Nice cycle race when he won the 164km sixth stage from Marseille to Toulon yesterday. Laurent Fignon, of France, was second, more than 30sec behind, with Eric Boyer.

of France, third. Oxford celebrate Oxford won the women's

oxiou won the women's university rugby match at lifley Road yesterday, beating Cambridge 22-0. They play Loughborough University at Southgate tomorrow in the inaugural final of the Women's Rugby Football Union Student

BOBSLEIGHING

Teams to be penalized for missing events

turnout for this season's final four-man event.

Only eight countries have entered this weekend's final stop on the six-event World Cup schedule, with the powerful teams from East Germany, the Soviet Union, Switzerland, and Austria all deciding to stay in Europe for reasons of cost.

The International Bobsleigh Federation vice-president, Bob Storey, said his governing body would be asked in June 10 endorse rule changes penalizing athletes who fail to compete in all events.

"Long term, the changes are necessary for the good of the sport," Storey, who also heads the Canadian Bobsleigh Federation, said on Thursday. He said

Calgary (Reuter) — Major the federation would be asked at the federation would be asked at its congress in St Vincent, Italy, next season's World Cup bobsleigh circuit after a dismal from all six events would be accumulated to make up the final World Cup positions.

Athletes now count only their top finishes at five World Cup events to determine the final overall season positions. The full positions would decide seedings at the world championships, damaging the chances of those who missed a World Cup event, Storey said.

The short field with only 16 sleds this weekend has opened the door for Chris Lori to win the overall World Cup title and become the first Canadian ever to do so. Lori is third overall with 94 points, compared with 112 for the leader, Maris Polkans, of the Soviet Union, and 105 for Dietman Falkenberg, of East Germany.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND

Calragema: conditions; snow level, 2200s; vertical runs, 1300s. Runs; upper and middle complete, toy with light duesting of snow; lower, manily broken; nursery, very limited patches; access roads open; chainfuts, car park, Coins no close and West Well, open; lower, all open except for Shelding. Annach, Link and Day todge. Glensheet snow level, 2600s; vertical runs, 600st Runs; upper Calrawell and Butcharts complete; lower, fiele or no snow; access roads open; chainfuts, Calrawell open, Summystone closed; tows, Calrawell and Butcharts Corris open. Legit; snow level, 2300s; vertical runs, nt. Runs; ensufficient snow for skiling; access roads open; complete, hard snow with thesh snow; lower, patches of snow; access roads open; complete, hard snow with thesh snow; lower, patches of snow; access roads open; gondole lift open; tows open. Glencos; snow level, 1800s; vertical runs, 1400s. Runs; upper, fresh snow on a firm SCOTLAND

base: lower, tresh snow on a firm bees; nursery, ample snow; access reads open; chairfits open; tows open.

Forecast: most rescribs will have a cloudy day; there will be snow at first but during the moning this should turn to rain, first at Gismore and Aenech Mer, and later at all other resorts; some heavy rais of snow will have occurred evenight and as the temperature rises during the day there will be traveling of the lying snow at nearly all terels. The treezing level will start of around 2500th in the easiern resorts and heaver 3500th at Aenech Morrand Glencos, but during the monthing will the above the suntents at all resorts. Rain will continue through the day especially at the western resorts. segs Continue recognition and the vestern resorts.

Outbook: Colder with sunny intervals and snow showers. On Monday there will be further snow showers at first but cloud will increase later with snow, turning to rain at lower levels.

BOWLS

Boston pair travel well to take title

By Gordon Allan Diana Wilson and Jean Cam-

mack, of Boston, won the English women's indoor pairs championship at Luton yes-terday when they beat Jane Rowntree and Gloria Thomas, of West Cornwall, the 1988 champions, 22-12. It is the Boston club's second success in this event; they won in 1974 with different players.
Wilson and Cammack com-

muted every day between Boston and Luton to compete, and every mile was worth it. They were 10-4 adrift early in the game but steadily picked up shots and, once they had moved ahead, stayed there. Wilson, who won the Cham-

pion of Champions event last season, drew more consistently to the jack than Rowntree, and Thomas was left with much retrieving to do. Three counts of three around the halfway mark more or less settled the destination of the title. Wilson and Cammack also

Along with Sheila King they beat Cambridge Chesterton, the 1989 runners-up, 20-6. Teesside, the champions for the past two years and skipped by Norma Shaw, were beaten 21-10 by Doris Wickenden, Diana Carpenter and Ann Moore, of Egerton Park, Bexhill.

qualified for the triples final.

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Let 48 to cost or Miscoria strong Assentia RESIATS: Pairs: Final: D Wison, J Commack (Boston) bt J Rowntree, G Thomas (West Commas), 22-12. Triples: Semi-finals: D Wison, S King, J Carritact (Boston) bt L Jarman, J Seen-tonate: D Wilson, S King, J Cerrmote, (Boston) bt L Jarmain, J Gazeley, D Riciph (Cembridge Chester-ton), 20-8; D Wickenden, D Carpentic, A Moore (Egerton Park) bt P Spence, J Berry, N Shaw (Teesaide), 21-10. BRANKALL: Mon's satellite townsmoot: Send-Snele: C Caratti (2) bt C Johnson (US), S-3, S-4; L Herrera (Mex.) bt D Bothe (SA), S-4

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Luckwell makes debut

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CRICKET

Ben Luckwell, the top male crashed heavily four days before amateur road rider in Britain the event. amateur road rider in Britain last season, makes his professional debut in the UK turned to sign a contract with tomorrow in the 85-mile Jock Wadley memorial race at West Burgholt, Essex (Peter Bryan writes).

The Bristol rider was a member of the England quartet which including Tony Dryle but the

ber of the England quartet which including Tony Doyle, but the won the bronze medal in the European track champion will Commonwealth Games team be a non-starter. He is unlikely time trial, but he had to miss the to be racing until May, following road race, for which he was his serious crash in the Munich among the favourites, when he six-day race last November.

CYCLING

McQuillan writes). Finally, Jahangir Kahn's own First, Tristan Nancarrow at-unusually excited state also tracted conduct warnings and became obvious as

FOR THE RECORD

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HOCKEY PRELIGIENCE: Women's International paries.
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RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY UNION



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Par: 72

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he loves the course.

the troika, Rodger Davis, does

not set his sights as high as

Ballesteros - quite. But he still

believes he could top the

Volvo Order of Merit this

year, and also win the Open at St Andrews. Like Ballesteros,

earlier than usual, and says he

will be truly match fit by the time the Cannes Open comes round in April. His 64 took

him to 10 under par; it must

At the moment, however,

be nice to be as rusty as that.

the man they all have to worry about is Magnus Persson, of

Sweden. Person, who belies his 5ft 7in and a slightness of frame with the ability to hit the ball a long way, has been working on his fitness at his home in Mahalla throughout

home in Marbella throughout the winter - weights for the body, and self-examination

He says that in the past he has tended to rush things, to

for the mental processes.

So he has come to Europe

From Mel Webb Majorca

A Spaniard who wants to win everything an Australian who would like to win something in particular and a Swede who would like to win anything at all leapt to the top of the leader board in the second round of the Majorca Open here

The Spaniard is Severiano Ballesteros, who has already said that the venues for the four major championships this year suit him down to the ground, so he gives himself every chance of winning them ill. Few would risk much betting against him.

He could be the man to beat here, too. He has not been feeling too well this week; snuffles and a temperature of 101 drove him to his bed after his first round on Thursday.

But if his body was aching and racked with pain, it did not show in his golf, which was in fine shape, almost like something he had packed in his suitcase and plugged in on the first tee.

He went to the turn in 31, with birdies at the 4th, 5th and 6th and 9th, and kept up the pace on the inward nine, saving more shots on the 10th. 11th and 14th. If he wins tomorrow, everybody will want a nasty head cold.

Card of the course because of it he is still waiting

Well, there was nothing much wrong with the way he thought his way round Son Vida in the course of his second 65 of the tournament. He did not drop a shot all day, the result, he said, of a The Australian element of determination to play to troika, Rodger Davis, does "conservative" golf.

> Starting from the 10th, he hit 17 greens in regulation, took only 29 putts, and had two bursts of birdies, from the 13th to the 16th and, on his inward nine, from the 3rd to the 5th. If this was conservative, heaven only knows what will happen when he starts attacking.

A slender lead for Gilligan

Calcutta (AFP) - Anthony Gilligan, of Australia, took a one-stroke lead at the end of the second round of the Indian Open championships yesterday with a two-under-par round of 71. He set out in style, picking up four strokes in the first nine holes, and while his second half was more erratic, it was good enough to see him replace the overnight leader, Gary Webb. ● Toshiaki Sudo achieved a hole in one at the par-three 5th to record a four-under-par 68

in the second round of the

Imperial Tournament in

Sakuragawamura, Japan.

In the swing: Kathryn Imrie, who made up shots to challenge for the lead on the second day Imrie shaping up for Cup honours

By Patricia Davies

sound shape by the summer to give herself a chance of making

On a chilly, breezy afternoon yesterday, the Roehampton Gold Cup seemed to be resolving itself into a tussle between Carole Caldwell, the hardened campaigner from Sunningdale, and Kathryn Imrie, a Soot hopeful of Curtis Cup honours this summer. Imrie, out in 37, one over par, made up three shots to take the lead after returning a 75 in the morning to Caldwell's 74, one The Scot, who has abandoned

At the halfway stage of the afternoon round, Imrie, who started at the 10th, was three over par, one shot ahead of Caldwell, who had played the first nine in 40. "Frittering" was how Caldwell, who has shared this title three times described this title three times, described her outward half and she was a little daunted, if not haunted, by the memory of missing two

At this time of year, however, few people are able to approach supposed tiddlers with confidence, for even greens in good condition, as Rochampton's

seemed to be, tend to be a mite the Curtis Cup team and today, she will be setting off for Imple out in 37, one over par.

Portugal for a week's training with a squad that has not been called a Curtis Cup squad, even though that is essentially what it is and no one can forget that the match against the Americans in New Jersey is the highlight of

this amateur year.
It was Caldwell, a former the cropped peroxide hairstyle that she favoured while a Curtis Cup player, who produced the spectacular stuff early practising Wildcat at the University of Arizona (students on, being three under par after eight holes before having trou-ble with the trees at the 18th, her ninth, and taking a double bogey six. She had two more birdies at the rival establishment of Arizona State were known as Sun Devils rather than Wildcats), has been working on making her swing less 'floppy' but also four bogeys, the sort of uneven performance typical of than it had become in the States and her solf in the morning was early season events. EATHY SCASON EVERTS.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: 74: C
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Watson (Beaconsteed). D Bernard (North
Shore). C White (Vicer's Cross). steady rather than spectacular, despite being one under par after one hole.

Southgate eager to avoid going the way of Hounslow

will be in co-support. Isca, however, in Isca, however, inspired by their captain, Graham Skinner,

are expected to put up a hard

target again.
Havant and Isca may become

bored with each other's com-pany as they are also due to meet today at the same venue in the Poundstretcher National

League, which likewise offers interesting fare.

Southgate entertain adian Gymkhana at White Hart Lane and Hounslow, the leaders, take

on Slough at Fermann.

Jason Barrow, Indian Gynkhana's goalkeeper who kept his
side in the game for all but 10
minutes against Hounslow last
Sunday with some great saves

before conceding two goals from set pieces, will be under more

sure today from Kerly and

Of the quarter-final matches in the Nationwide Anglia Cup to be played tomorrow, none has aroused more interest than the full strength, having called on their four World Cup players, Faulkner, Garcia, Hill, and Rowlands, Two able and willing hands, Don Williams and Nail will be in an authority. game between Southgate and Stourport, mainly because Stourport claimed the scalp of Hounslow, last year's winners,

in the previous round.

Southgate, anxious to recover the trophy they last won in 1988, will have to keep a close watch on Imran Sherwani, always a danger for Stourport on their left Harleston Magpies, the only non-league side in the com-petition, are hoping to continue their flight of fantasy when they meet Reading at Dereham in what promises to be an exciting wing Knott, in the middle, and Carlisle make up Stourport's tussle. Reading, who have scored 14 goals so far, are hoping that Osborn will be on three front runners.

three front runners.

Bill Waugh, who strikes the corners so well, will not be in the Southgate squad this weekend as he is training with the fingland schoolboy squad. There is grave doubt about the availability of Batchelor, but, with Kerly at centre forward, Soma Singh at centre half and Duthie proping up the defence, Southgate have reliable key Southgate have reliable key players.

Castenskiold, who was unavailable last week, is back in the squad, as is Kerry. Ian McGinn, formerly of Southgate and England, has taken over the coaching of Old taken over the coaching of Old Loughtonians, who are at home to East Grinstead at Chigwell, where some of England's World Cup players will be in action. They are Halls and Nick Thompson for Old Loughtonians; Richard Leman and Clift for East Grins

Slough, who drew 2-2 with Havant last week, are in a make Havant and Isca, both beaten in the semi-finals last season, are meeting at Havant College

GB honing Relegation worries plan for Olympics for Clifton

his colleagues

In a little more than two years, Great Britain will defend the Olympic title in Barcelona and preparation begins with their participation in the seven nations' tournament for the BMW Trophy in Amsterdam from June 16 to 24 (Sydney Friskin writes).

The entries for the BMW Trophy include the three teams which have qualified automatically for the Olympic Games: Great Britain as title holders, The Netherlands, World Cup winners, and Spain, the host country.

COURTY.
BRIW MATCH PROGRAMME: Jeme: 18: Pakistan v Spain; Netherlands v India. 17: West Germany v Spain; Great Britain v India: Netherlands v India: Netherlands v Australia: 18: Great Britain v Australia: West Germany v Pakistan; 19: India v Pakistan; Netherlands v Spain; Great Britain v West Germany. 21: Australia v Pakistan; Netherlands v Great Britain v West Germany. 22: Mos. V Spain; Netherlands v Great Britain; India v West Germany. 22: West Germany v Australia; Great Britain v Spain; 28: India v Australia; Great Britain v Spain; Netherlands v West Germany.

or break situation against Hounslow, who are five points ahead of them with a game in hand.

With Slough having assured themselves of the inaugural Typhoo national women's league championship with a convincing 5-1 victory over Orpington this week, the interest today switches to the other end of the table and Clifton's efforts to move clear of

A fine 3-0 victory over Sutton Coldfield on Thursday revived. Clifton's hopes of avoiding the three relegation play-off places at the end of the season.

However, for today's match against Ealing, they will be without Tammy Miller, their England international, who will be with Sue Slocombe, her teammate and the England coach, on a World Cup training session

Exmouth, already doomed to the play-offs, meet Cheismford in today's other match.

ombe v Reading: Maidenhaud v Oxford,
Marson v St Nes. Second division: Abbey
v Newbury; Bambury v Torquay;
Bamstaple v Gordon League; Bournemouth v Henley; Cinderford v Bridgwater,
Western Counties: Avanmouth Old Boys

Western Counteer. Avornoum Os 80/s v Twenton; Cironester v Launesson; Clevedon v Penryn; Culvertraysians v Oreitemprion; Devon and Cornwall Police v Newquay Hornets. Southern Countees. Aylesbury v Wimborne; Bletchley v Swindon; Mariow v Chilbern; Slough v Oxford Old Boys. Comwall and Devos League; Bletchley v Schoot; Crediton v Schoot; Crediton v Wadebridge Carnels; Devonport Services Wadebridge Carnels; Devonport Services

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New putter helps Lyle stay in touch From John Ballantine, Coral Springs, Florida

John Huston, a 28-year-old "Because I was standing Florida professional, led with a straighter with the taller putter I 68 in the first round of the \$1 was able to see the lines better million Honda Classic on the and that has helped me", the 7,037 yard "players course" here Scot said.

at Eagle Trace.

Mark Calcavecchia, the Open champion, was in second place by the US Golf Association to on 70 while a quartet of Gil Morgan, Mark Brooks, Joel change his shoes before his Morgan, Mark Brooks, Joel cound. They were declared illegal because of a wide sole. "I

qualify in Miami last week, was out very early in slightly calmer
conditions in yesterday's second
round. He has foresaken the
curious looking long shafted
putter for a normal Ping.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES 58: J
Calcavecchia. 71: G
Morgan, M Brooks, J Edwards, T Simpson, 72: W Wood, B Estes, F Couples, B
Gidder, B Brown, J C Snead, G Walte.
Others: 74: A Lyle (GB).

Fifth round

Sixth round

Second replay

Oldham v Evertor

Cambridge v C Palace

Barclays League

Aston Villa v Luton

Cheisea v Norwich...... Manchester C v Arsenal

Notim Forest v Coventry

Altrincham v Welling ...

Southampton v Derby Co... Tottenham v Charlton.....

GM Vauxhall Conference

Cheltenham v Macclesfield. Chorley v Famboro.....

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bangor City v Blashop Auckland: Caemarfon v Buxtorr, Frieldey v Horwich; Gainsborough v Fleetwood; Gateshead v
Marine; Matlock v Stalybridge; Morecambe v Goole; Mossley v Southport;
Shapshed v Rhyl, First division: Accumpton Stanley v Emley; Droyladen v
Eastwood Town; Eastwood Hanley v
Workington; Farsley v Leek; Harrogata v
Curzon Ashton; Netherfield v Rossendale;
Newtown v Lancaster; Penntth v

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First

Huston, a slim local pro who

n 71. don't know how you can make Sandy Lyle scored a 74 that shoes that are illegal" Huston may not sound very good but said after scoring seven birdies was a useful card given that the and three bogeys. "Maybe wind was blowing in gusts of up that's been holding me back all to 40mph. Lyle, who failed up that's been holding me back all to 40mph. Lyle, who failed up to season" he joked.

Fourth division Aldershot v Doncas

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Old Aromens v Old Westm Bradfieldians v Old Wastm ing Old Boys v Old Wykeha

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LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v

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Derwen v Ashton; Leytand Motors v

Boosle, Prescot Cables v Namveich;

Salford v Warrington.

B and Q Scottish League

St Mirren v Rangers First division Albion R v St Johnstone

Ayr v Clyde...... Clydebank v Meadowbank Forfar v Airdrie..... Partick v Hamilton Raith R v Morton.

Second division . Berwick v E File Cowdenbeath v Stirling A Dumbarton v Arbroath E Stirling v Stranger Kilmarnock v Queens Park Queen of Sth v Brechin.

BEAZER HONES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Dartford: Bath v
Burton: Cambridge Chy v Moor Green: v
Gravesend: Corby v Wealdstone; Crawley
v Alvechurch: Gloucester v Dower:
Waterlooville v Bromsgrove: Weymouth v
Gosport: Worcester v VS Rugby. Middand
division: Banbury v Hednesford: Barry v
Stroud: Bedworth v Helessower: Bisston v
Sandwell: Dudley v Rushiden; Grantham v
Redditch; Nuneston v Willenhalt: Racing
Cado Warwick v Spalding: Stourbridge v
King's Lynn: Sutton Coldfield v
Bridgnorth; Tamworth v Lexester: Southern division: Buckingham v Steppey;
Burnham v Hythis: Connthian v Salssbury;
Duristable v Margate; Folkestone v Andover: Hounslow v Baldote; Poole v
Fareham; Trowbridge v Centerbury; Yats
v Erltin and Belvedere.

HANDBALL

HEDREICEN LEAGUE: Presster division: Softwal v Peterborough (7.0): Notimpham v Windey (8.30). First division: Slough v Streathern (5.45); Tetlord v Humberside (7.0): Trafford v Lee Valley (5.30). ENGLISH LEAGUE: Play-offs: Basingstoke v Bracknell (6.0). Basingstoke v Bracknell (6.0). CAPITAL FOODS SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finals: (at Murrayfield: File v Murrayfield (2.0): Carditt v Ayr (6.30). OTHER SPORT

ional recoor Press (Linon).

CANCEING: Director A Wild Water Champonship Race (Grandiully, Tayside).

FENCING: National Team Sebre Champonships (De Beaumont Centre. Championships
Wast Kensengton).
GYMMASTICS: National Championships
women: Individual and apparatus

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES **RUGBY UNION** McEwan's Scottish League Courage Clubs Championship

iverpool St H v Blackheath.

Askeans v Nuneaton.... Exerv v L Welsh......... Fylde v Lydney.......... Roundhay v L Scottish Sheffield v Wakefield... Vale of Lune v W Hartlepool Area League North

Area League South Basingstoke v Met Police (2.45).

Camborne v Redruth Cheltenham v Southend ... Clifton v Salisbury Havant v Maldstone Club matches lawbridge v Pontypridd

Swansea v Ebbw Vale Army v Royal Navy (at Twickenham)

Today

ATHLETICS: ITV 3.25-4.45 and 5.15-5.45pm; Coverage of the Pearl Assurance national Indeor champles styles from

Costord.

BIATHLON: Eurosport 10-11am; HighBights of the World champiosehips from
Reubuchi, Soviet Union.

BOXING: Eurosport 9-10,30pm; Professional event from the United States.

CRICKET: Sky One 1.30-8.40pm; West
Indice v England: Second Test: Live
coverage of the first day's play; BBC1 1212.30am (tomorrow): Highlights of the
second test.

12-Stall (Lahlow). Fagingins of the second test. Screensport 8,15-10am, 12-19m Highlights of the Marthoro Cup, and Argentistan League. BSC1 9,40-10.50gm: FA Cap: Highlights of the sixth rousel.

FORD SIG REPORT: Surpeport 9-10am.

FORD SKI REPORT: Exmaport 9-10gm, GRANDSTANC: BEC1 12.15-5.05pm: Rogby Langue: Silk Cat Challenge cup: Live coverage of the first semi-final: Wigan vS Helens: Gold: Highlights of the Super Stating. Highlights of the World Championahips from Highlights of the World championahips from Highlights of the World Championahips from Highlights of the Super Stating. The Charles of the World Championahips from Highlights of the Stating of the Superior Stating of the Stating S

HANDBALL: Eurosport 1-4pm: Uve coverage of the World championships from Crachheleumin

TOM CZBCROSIOVARIA.
RCE HOCKEY: Screensport 10am-midday.
National Hockey Leegus.
ICE SKATING: ITV 3.05-3.35pm and BBC1

11.20pm-midnight: Highlights of the World champlemeltins from Halflas, Canada: Eurosport 7-8pm and 11pm-1am; Figure skating: Live coverage and further high-lights of the World champleaships from Halflas, Canada.

Netherlands.

MOTOR SPORT: Estrapast 12:30-1pm and 10:30-11pm: Formula Case highlights from the United States: Screenagert 4-6pm: Highlights of the NASCAR Goodsmanch 500 from Reckinghess.

MOTORCYCLING: Screens

Edinburgh Ac v Glasgow High... Gala v Heriot's FP... Kelso v Boroughmuir.... Melrose v Jed-Forest... Selkirk v Strling Co... Stewarts Mel FP v Hawick...

W of Scotland v Ayr SCOTLAND: McEwans National Leagua:
First division: Existourgh Academicals v
Glasgow High-Kehrinside, Gala v Heriot's
FP; Kelso v Boroughmuir; Melrose v JedForest: Selidir v Stirting County; Stewarts-Melville FP v Hawick, West of
Scotland v Ayr. Second divisions: Currie v
Gordonians; Duntarmine v Corstophine;
Glasgow Academicals v Kirkcaldy; Kilmarnock v Edinburgh Wanderers: Langholm v
Dulziel HSFP; Preston Lodge SP v
Musselburgh; Wessonians v HitheadJordan Hil. Third division; Biggar v
Portobello FP; Haddington v Clariston;
Howe of Fife v Bast Kilbride; Morgan
Academy FP v Aberdeen GSFP; Royal
High v Grangemouth; Thirtly Academicals
v Dundee HSFP; Wignownshire v Highlands, Fourth division: Allos v Durnfries;
Cambuslang v Paister; Edenburgh University v Linkingow; Greenock Wanders v

Cartho Cusanae Bark: Peebles v stry v Lintingow; Greenock Wanderers v Cartha Queens Park; Peebles v Hutchison; Perthatire v Periculic, St Boswell v Leth Academicals. Fitth di-Huchison: Pertistriar v Periculic St. Boswell v Leith Academicals. Fifth division: Aberdeenshire v Aberdeen University: Abrossan Academicals v Llamore; Broughton FP v Morg; Dunbar v Medres College FP; Livingston v Lenzis; Murrayfleid v Hillhots; Waysiders v Genrothes. State division: Crydebank v Wallerburn; Drumpellier v Herris Academy FP; Earlston v Men; Old Abysians v Montrose; Pannune v Carnoustie FP; St. Andrews University v Cumbernaud; Stewartry v North Bervick. Seventh division: Berlenyre v Floss High; Falldrik V Cumnock; Forester FP v Dalkeith; Genoch v Irvine; Rosyth and District v Strathmore; Stobswell FP v Germock; Lasswade v Durs. Edinburgh and District Leegus: Morafrouse FP v Royal Dick Vet College; Turnhouse v Liberton FP; Holy

Cross v Ferrant; West Linton v Henot Watt University; Learnt v Belinburgh Northern. Midlands District League: Dalgety Bay v Cowdenbasth; Aberdeen Wanderers-Academicals v Kinross; Dundee University v Grantia City; Ross Sutherland v Blairgownie HSFP; Bariff v Mackie Academy FP; Wald Academy FP Upyce; RAF Kinloss v Stirling University.

Imboes v Resso s; 360-76st v Membel H; Arman v Hawick Harfequins; Gala YM; v Hawick Linden; Selkirk II v Hawick YM; Langholm II v Gale Ster; Gala Forest v Berwick. Digital Youth Leegues South: Gala Wanderes v Berwick Cotts; Jed Thistle v Hawick PSA; Langholm Cotts v Hawick Wanderes; Melrose Cotts v Kelso Harfequins; Annan Cotts v Selkirk YC. Harlequins; Annan Colts v Selidrk YC.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage
Clubs Championethip: London: First division: North Watchem v US Pontsmouth:
Old Geytonians v Lewes; Rudely v Old
Aleyvians; Streethem and Croydon v
Sticup. Screethem and Croydon v
Sticup. Second division north: Eton
Manor v OMT; Finchley v Old Albanians;
Norwich v Bishop's Stortfort; Thurrock v
Barting; Woodlord v Grasshoppera. Second division south: Dardordians v
Camberley; Guilford and Godsining v Old
Colleiens; Old Brockleiens v Alton; Old
Midwhiolitiens v Worthing: Tumbridge

Becavars v Previous Instantant, St. Mary's Hose v Harnel Hexpassed: Tabard v Webryn. Third division north east: Brantwood v Colchester; Chinglord v Harlow; Romford and GP v West Norfolk; Saffron Walden v Old Cantabroloins; Westofff v Cantadge. Third division south east: Becamhan v East Grinsted; Bognor v Horsham; Gillingham Anchorians v Crawley; Hove v Old Juddian. Third division south wast: Old Emanuel v Old Reigatiar; Old Gulfordiens v Southampton; Old Walcountians v KCS Old Boys; Old Whightians v Purley; Portsmouth v Dorklog. Bilddileseo: First division: Brashury v Suchury Ct. London New Zastand v Staines; Old Mithilians v Carrians. Essets Countage; First divisions: Brasintone v Hadfuridge; Bury First division: Brasintone v Hadfuridge; Bury First division: Brasintone v Hadfuridge; Bury Memisians v Carrisurs. Eastern Cossilies:
First divisions Explainter et Rectividge; Bury
St Edmunds v Basildon; Crusaders v Bly;
Rochford v Old Edwardiands; Shellord v
Carreys Island. Kenst: First divisions;
Satisshanger v Thanet Wanderers; Broruley v Old Dunstonians; Carrishrury v,
Sevenoaks; Dover v Eritt; Snowdown
Colliery v Medwey, Sussees: First divisions:
Brighton v Sessiont; Burgess Hill v
Hesthfield; Chachesser v St. Francis;
Crowborough v Sussex Police; Eastbourne v Haywards Heath, Hampathire.
Best directive. Economic Sessions. First division: Esso v Eastleigh; Fareham Heathers v Andover; Jersey v Gosport: Materook v Petersfield; Sandown and Shankin v Wareheater.

SPORT ON TV

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 6.30-7.30pm. RACING: C4 2.55-5.05pm: 8.0, 8.25, 4.10, and 4.40 from Sandown Park. end 4.40 from sangown Park. RESULTS SERVICE: TV 4.45 Spm. RUGBY UNION: Screensport 2.30-4pm Present velland from Parts. Prance v lealand from Parts. SAINT AND GREAVSE: ITV 1.10-1.40pm DCMM2. RESENTANT STATES. SPM. Medi SIGNO: Europeet 11am-12.30pm: High-lights of the meets glant eleban from Herrsded, Norway: Screensport 6-6.30pm: United States pro-tons: High-lights from Mount Bachelor, Orens, SURFING: Europeet 6-6.30pm: Surfer registers. TENPIN SOWLING: Screenport 7-8-15am-Highlights of the Fair Lunes Open from Beltimore, Maryland.
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from Baltimore, Maryland.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 4Spir: Sport from around the world. UPDATE: Streensport 7.30pm.
YACHTING: C4 11.50pm-12.85am:
Whitbreed Round The World Race:
Highlights of the fourth leg. Толопом

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: ITV 2-4am: College match: Floride v Georgia.

ATHLETICS: Eurospert 4-5pm: Highlights of the MAF GP from Athens and The Highlights of the Mary 12.10-12.55mm (Monday): Highlights of the McVitle's World cross-country stells.

BASKETBALL: Screensport 8-9.20sm: Streeteen insurance. BOXING: Eurosport 2-3.30pm: Screenport 11.30pm-1.0am: Top Rank event from the United States. CRICKET: Sky One 1.20-8.45pm: West Indies v England: Securd Test: Live coverage of the second day's play. BECT 12.15-12.45am: Highlights of the second

FOOTBALL: BBC1: 3-Spm: Live coverage of GPR v Liverpool in the FA Cup sixth round. Spreamsport 3:30-5:30em and 12-2pm: Spenish League: Soville v Real Machid, and the Machinero Cup: Eurosport 7-Spm: Spenish League: Bercelone v Ceta. Open from Micro.

ICE HOCKEY: Sememport 8-Spx: Natlead Hockey Lange.

ICE SKATNM: Enreaport 9:30-11.30am
and 11pm-1sm, and C4 2-Spx: Figure
shading: Coverage and further highlights
of the World championehing from Heilbr.,
Canada, 88C1 10.45-11.30pm: Highlights
of the World championehing from Heilbr.,
Canada.

TORCYCLUSC: Screensport 9-10pm: Speedway: Highlights of the World amplomation from Assen, The POLO WORLD: Screensport 2.15-2.45pm. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 8-2pm. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 12-30-2-15am and 10-11-30pm: Highlights of the 1930 French Cop. and Leads v Wigner Eurosport 1-2pm: Challenge Cap: Highlights of the 1930 French Cop. and Leads v Wigner Eurosport 1-2pm: Challenge Cap: Highlights of Gloscosport 1-2pm: Challenge Cap: Highlights of Gloscosport 2-2pm: Highlights of the ATP Votro International Similarity of the Pale Lauren Open from Bellimore, Maryland.

Caron Ord ovys. Comment and veven Lagger: Bideford v Sidmouth: Credition v Wedebridge Carnels; Devorport Services v Ringan Park; Exeter Saracene v Penzance-Newlyn; Falmduth v Plymouth CS. Comwell: First division: Econim v Veor; Butle v Saltastr, Hayle v St. Just; Helston v St. Austell; Listoaard Loce v Redruth Albary. Devone: First division: Cullempton v South Molton; Exmouth v Topasham; hybridge v Plymouth Argaum; Paignaton v Newton Abbot: Prince Rock; v Old Techniclans. Gloucastershire-Somerset Laggar: Avon and Somerset Police v Old Redelifians; Cleve v Spartans; Combe Down v Frome; Coney Hill v Midsomer Norton: Drybrook v Kaynsham. Gloucasterative: First division: Bream. v Tradworth; Cheltenham North v Longlevens: Dings Crusaders v Glouchester Old Boys; North Bristol v St Manys Old Boys; Saintbridge FP v Old Patesians. Somerset: First division: Wandlab v Yoovit; Bristol Harlequins v Walcot; Gordsno v Old Sulars: Homets v St. Bernadettes: Mineheed v Oldfield. Bucklendresshine. Prevented Seconds. Sherborna: North Dorset v REME Arborfielt: Puddietown v Chippenham. NORTH: First division: Hartispool Rovers v Aspatria: Hull lonians v Otley: Middle-brough v Harrogate; Tymadale v Birkenhead Park: Wigton v Bradford and Bingley. Second chisions: Altwick v Cturiels; Lymm v Wigan; Rotherham v New Brighton; Sandal v Wharfedale; Widnes v West Park. North East: First division: Blaydon v Keighley: Geneshaad Fell v Solty: Morpat v Old Brodlesans; Stockton v Old Crossleysans; York v Nonocastrians. Second advision: Beverley v Ryton; Newcaste University v Byth; Ripon v Old Hymerians; Rockofff v Brumley; Roundheads University v Byth; Ripon v Old Hymerians; Rockofff v Brumley; Roundheads University v Byth; Sedgley: Park: Sandbach v Cockermouth, Second division: Pearth v Wilmstow; Manchester v Warrisigton; Morestow v Old Aldvirlans; Marchester v Warrisigton; Morestow V Old Aldvirlans; Manchester v Warrisigton. Cockermouth, Second division: Pushin v Warrington; Warrington; Warrington; Worselv v Old Aldwhilers; Netherhal v Blackburt; Workington v Mersey Police. Clab saliches: Bowdon v Wilnistow XV; Clab saliches: Bowdon v Wilnistow Shields.

BIDLANDS: Courage Lengue: First division: Barters Buits v Mansfield; Bhann
and Solbuli v Paviora; Derby v Westbeldt,
Leighton: Buzzand v Nesent; Stockwood
Park v Hereford, Second division sastkettering v Towcestriars; Lincoln v
Syston; Moderna v Peterboroogh; Scunthorpe v Matock; Stoneygate v Vipera,
Second division west; Sedworth v Burtor; Carrp Hill v Disoniens; Dudley
tongswinterd v Old Yerdisiners; Dudley Griggevintord v Oid Yarcheimis; Koresley v Wohverhamptor: Newbold v Bromagnove. Essa-Siddands-Leiceatesshire: Aylescone St. James v Lizon; Bedford Athletic v Wellingborrough; Bedgreve v Northamptor Triuty; Logg Buckby v Hincidey. Oedby Wyggestonisms v Bioglesensde. Stafford-astes and Warwicksline: Fac Stafford or Awon v Oid Losses and Warwicksline: Stafford or Awon v Oid Longtoniens; Wileshald v Newcaste. Northerphasenth: Stratford or Awon v Oid Longtoniens; Wileshald v Newcaste. Northerphasenthes. Liscoinshire and Derbyshire: Amber Valley v East Refford, Chesteriseld v Steaford: Southwell Chesteriseld v Steaford: Southwell Chesteriseld v Steaford: Southwell Chesteriseld v Steaford: West Bridgiord v Mellint; Worksop v Kesteven. North Middends: First division: Asion Oid Enkardans v Warchurch; Evesham v Moroester; Kiddenninster v Ludow; Kings Norton v Shrewsbury; Newport v Lucioniens. Mitches v Steaford: Sanford v Chy Grissen. High Sanford v Chy Grissen. Williams v Coleraine. Malone v Dungsmon; Mirc v Ards. Sangor v City of Darry; CIYMS v Collegians: Armagh v Academy; Poradown v Bantsrioge; Instonians v Oseans University. Leinster Senior Cube. Bact: Rock Golege v Schespione.

FA CUP Sixth round

Bristol R v Leyton Orient (3.0).... INTER-LEAGUE CLUBCALL CUP: Fourth reand: Meriow v Bangor City (2:30). VALDOHALL LEAGUE Premier division: Dulvich v Aylesbury (at Bromley FC, 12.0). BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Yets v Canterbury (11.0). cavesion: Yebs v Camerbury (11.0). MEMORIAL MATCH: Kevin Rose Molesey FC, 3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

3.0 unless stated STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Berrow v Leich (2:30); Featherstone v Sallord (3:30); Hull v Wakefield (3:15); Warrington v Leeds; Widnes v Bractord. Second divisions Batley v Ordnam; Earniey v Pauroorn (3:30); Denester v Swinton; Fuffern v Huddersfield; Hunslet v Trafford Borough (3:30); Krighley v Ryedsle York (3:15); Nottingham v Carlster, Rochicele v Halifax; Whitesfieven v Chorley (3:30). BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: London v Bracknet (4.0). STRUCTURE (4.U). MATIONAL LEAGUE: Mem Past division: School V Hernel Hernelton, Marie NATIONAL LEAGUE: News +32 avantaling v Britdon v Hermel Hempetaset; Worthing v Staveninge (8.0), Second divisions Cardiff v Westbord: Neideleastrough v Slockport. Westbord: First divisions Britdon v Kingston (2.0); Cardiff v London YMCA (2.0); Lowyich v Gateshadd; Nottingham v

HOCKEY POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Neston v Doncester (Nymote SG, 12.0). NATIONADE ANGLIA CUP: Casarteratis: Oil Loughtonians v East Grinstead (Calgwell 2.0); Harleston Magpies v Raeding (Derestant 2.0); Havart v Isca (Havert Colege 2.15); Southgate v Stourport (Picketts Lock, Edmonton 2.0).

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Bradford v Stoke Hull v Middlesbro

lpswich v Brighton Oxford v Leeds Uto Phymouth v Swindon . Port Vale v Bournemouth .. Watford v Newcastk West Ham v Portsmouth.

Vauxhall League Premier division Barking v Carshalton B Stortford v Wokingt

Grays v Kingstonian Redbridge F v Basin, St Albans v Bogner... Staines v Hendon.....

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: First division: Chalfort St. Peter v Wembley; Croydon v Whyteleafe; Dorking v Woking; Kingsbury v Chesham; Leatherhead v Harlow; Least Leatherhead v Harlow; Least Chaltors St. Peter v Wembley; Croydon v Whysleafe; Dorking v Woking; Kingsbury v Chesham; Lagherland v Harlow; Lewes v Highes; Dustried v Walton and Hersham; Southwack v Borehem Wood: Toolong and Mitcham v Worthing; Unbridge v Metropolitan Police; Wivenhoe v Hampton. Second division nortic Aveley v Vaushall Motors; Barton v Tabury; Besition v Ramham; Berkhamsted v Witham; Clapton v Collier Row, Heybridge v Herrtord: Hornchurch v Finchley; Letchworth GC v Saffron Welden; Stevenage v Hoyston; Tring v Billericay; Ware v Hernel Hempstead. Second division south: Abingdon v Yeading; Banstaad v Molesey; Bracknel v Newbury; Camberley v Epoom and Ewelt; Eghem v Petersfield; Horsham v Fetthem; Hungerlord v Harefield; Malden Valle v Maidenhead United; Southall v Flackwell Heath.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Promier di-

nam. Second division: Aldershot v Bristol City; Colchester v Luton; Northampton v Brighton and Hove; Oxford v Totterham; Reading v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Breatford; Swindon v Bristol Rovers: Wimbledon v Bourneme

INDER-16 COUNTIES TOURNAMENT: Coventry.

CLUB MATCHES: Alchidge v Kings Heeth; Brooldands v North Stationd; GEC Coventry v Streeth; Kentering v Codelles; Loughborough Town v Lescester Tharsday; Sutton Coldield v GEC Rugby C-35; Upton on Severn v Drobwich; Warwick v Bloxwich; West Bridgiord v Ashby. VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK HATIONAL FINALS (Crystal Palece): Under-18: Women: Purbrock Park (Portsmouth) v Manchester United (18.0). Men: Stokestey School (Mcdissbrough) v Caldew School (Carksie) (12.0). Seniors: Women: Soversign Lessing Sale v Britton Knights (2.0). Men: Team Mizuno Matory (London) v Hitton Leeds (18.0).

HANDBALL. BRITISH CUP: Semi-final: Men: Team Calor v furby Select (at Coventry Spons Centre, 6.30). BRITISH: LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Women: North Zone (at University of Hull

ICE HOCKEY HEINERCEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham v Solhuli (8.30); Peterborough v Nottingismi (8.30); First division: Humber-side v Trafford (5.15); Medway v Telford (5.15); Streatham v Swimon (6.15). ENGLISH LEAGUE: Phyt-offic Bracknell v Chelmatord (5.15); Romford v Oxford City (5.15) (at Murrayfield, 2.0). OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: McVines Challenge inter-national cross country trials (Glasgow). BOWLS: Men's English indoor national championalpip (Metion); women's national indoor finals (Luton). CANDEING: Division A wild water champ-ionsten zee (Grandbally, Tayearte). FENCING: National team sabre champ-lonships (De Beaumont Centre, West Kensington). SWIMMING: Applause Young Variety Junior Swimming Championship Third division Bolton v Notts Co . Brentford v Crewe ... Huddersfid v Fulham

Vorthampton v Cardiff Rotherham v Bury...... Shrewsbury v Bristol C. Swansea v Mansfield... Walsall v Birmingham ...

Chesterfield v Hereford .

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Maiverniens v Old Foresters; Old Selopians v Old Etonians. First division: Old Ardinians v Old Haileyburtans; Old Bradfieldians v Old Westminsters; Lanc-

ing Old Boys v Old Wykehamists.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Pressier division: Amithorpe Weltare v Heatheld Main; Bridlington Trinity v Belper; Hallam v Portistract Coles; Herrogate RW v Brigg; North Shields v Denaby; Ossett Albion v Guiseley; Sutton v Sheffield; Thackley v Bridlington Town.

ABACUS LEAGUE: Netional division: Aberystwyth v Bridgend; Ebbew Vale v Ton Pentre; Cwmbran v Britton Ferry; Haverfortwest v Bracon; Llanelli v AFC Carditi; Port Telbot v Maestag; Abergavenny v Perribroto.

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SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: Finet di-visitors: Alrewick v Essington; Billingham Syn v Blyth Spartans; Brandon v Durham; Ferryhalf v Tow Law; Newcastle Blue Star v Seaham Red Star; Shidton v Stockton; Sperrymor v Grytna (3.15); Whickham v Guisborough; Whithy v Billingham Town. BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Kingston Leicester; Manchester v Derby: Solent v Sunderland. Sunderland. LEAGUE: First division: men): Bury v Gateshead: Cheshire v Oldism (7.30); Corby v Worthing (7.30); Second division: men): Greenwich v Kirklees (7.0): Marchester v Birmingham (5.45): North London v Doncester. First division: (women): possech v Northarptam (4.0); Leicester v Crystal Palace; Stockport v Northarpton.

HOCKEY

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POUNDSTRETCHER MATIONAL
LEAGUE First division: East Giristed v
Teddington (Farlington School, Horsham
2-15); Harborne v Welefield (Hadley
Stadeum, Birmingham 12-45); Havant v
Isca (Havant College 2-15); Hourstow v
Slough (Fetham School 2-0); Old
Loughtonians v Reading (Chigwel 2-30);
Southgate v Indian (Symidansi (New River
Sports Centre, White Hart Lane 2-0);
Stourport v Brombey (Grange Road,
Solihuli 12-15); Welston v Cannock (Grove
Sports Centre, Newark 11-30). Second
division: Bournville v Warnington (Shenley
Court, Bernargham 2-0); Broatbourne v
Centretury (John Newman Sports Centre,
Steverage 2-0); Gueldford v St Athers
(Cranled) School 12-0); Lycars v Braan
(Dairy Meadow, Southall 2-30); Peterborough Town v Cambridge City (St ho
SC, Cambridgeshire 12-30); Richmond v
Gorecourt (feddington School, Broom
Road 2-0); Tauston Valle v Coventry and
North Warwickshire (Taunton School,
12-0).

12.0).
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE:
Blackheeth v Dutwich; Hawks v Cheam;
Old Kingstonens v Cambridge Univ;
Purley v London Univ; Surbiton v Tulse
Hill; Wimbledon v Beckenham. Husey v Concor Univ, Surdeon v Turse Hil; Wirnbladon v Beckenham.

NORHYCH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premeter division: Bishops Stortford v Colchester; Biselents v Ipswich; Cambs
Nomads v West Herta; Chelmstord v Ford;
Crostyx v Bedford; Harleston Magpies v
Wesschif; Norwich Ghoppers v Bedfordshme Eagles; Pelicans v Bury St Edmurds;
ERNST AND YOUNG HOCKEY LEAGUE:
Pressier division: Barford v Lescester
Westleigh; Bloxwich v Kidderminster;
Derby v Belper; South Nottinghem v Otton
and West Warwick. First division;
Addrige v Worrester Norton; Chesterfield
v Pickwick; John Payer v Nuneaton;
Northampton Samis v Nottinghem; North
Stafford v Beestlon; Redolich v Knala;
Stone v Edgbaston; Wombourne v Kngls
Sone v Edgbaston; Wombourne v Kngls

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TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL
LEAGUE: Cheimstord v Exmouth
(Cheimer Park, Chebustord, 11.15am);
Cliton v Ealing (Marbonough College,
10.30am);

First division Bedford v Wasps. Bristol v Leicester. Second division

Gosforth v Sale... Northampton v Coventry Plymouth v Headingley Third division

LACROSSE BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper conference: Bath v London: Hampstead v Beckenham: Hitchin v Kenton. Lower conference: Chipstead v Brighton; Croydon v Hilloroft; Southernpton v Buckhurst Hill. HRIL BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-

smisse NovirticeNt LEAGUE: Fars, or vision: Cheadle v Mellor: Old Waconlans v Old Stopfordians; Stockport v Rochdele: Timperley v Sheffield Stoelers. Second division: Heaton Mersey Guild v Ashton; Sale v Sheffield Univ: Stockport A v Mellor A; Urmston v Cheadle A. VOLLEYBALL ROYAL BANK NATIONAL FRALS: (Crystal Palace). U16 Girls: AD Notingham School v Purbrook Park (Portsmouth (11.0). U16 Boys: Sneyd HS (Newcastle-U-lyme) v Lyose Francais (London) (1.0). Junilor women: Hillion Leeds v

BRITISH CUP: Semi-final: (women): Manchester United SSS v Arcton (at Eccles Recreation Centre, 6.0). Middenda 'a' League: Classification regard; (men): (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 11.0). ICE HOCKEY

ATHLETICS: National Indoor Champion-steps (RAF Costord).

BOWLS: Men's English Indoor National Championship (Malton); Women's Nat-ional Indoor Finals (Luton).

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Excluded men may England A team

won the first five day inter- bowl, may also be used. national, being chosen against Zimbabwe today when the second match starts here.

Martin Bicknell, Lawrence and Whitaker, could be selected, therefore, when England finalize their XI shortly before the start. Illingworth the fifteenth member of the tour party has tonsillitis.

Originally it was intended to keep competitive spirts alive by choosing the strongest possible team for the representative fixtures in the normal way. Already, though, England have clinched the one-day series and won the first international.

On such a short, crowded itinerary, the tour management has decided it would be pointless if they failed to ensure that everyone had the opportunity of some cricket. Nobody is underestimating the Zimbabweans, but England would have all the necessary skills whichever players

Zimbabwe have decided to strengthen their batting and keeper, and Darrell Goodwin, will gamble on only three David Dolphin, a slow left will gamble on only three parks also been specialist bowlers. Duers and the left arm Jarvis will share the left arm Jarvis will share added to the party.

Grant Flower, aged 19, the new ball, with Traicos, the Grant Flower, aged 19, off-spinner, again being relied wins his first cap. He is upon to contribute marathon considered the best prospect spells. Shah, an accurate medium pace bowler, who is only second change for his local left arm spin. Flower lingered

A change of selection policy club, will have to help keep four hours for 46 for Young could lead to those players not in the England A team which batsmen who occasionally side at Mutare without

replace Brandes, their fastest day,

February, usually summy and hot in Argentium, was the wettest anyone can recall this year and judging from the rain which has fallen in the last 48 hours, March is likely to follow suit. A flooded pitch at the Belgramo Chob caused the abandonment of the sunth expired the local cide. the antch against the local side on Thursday and it seems certain that today's one-day match against Argentina at Hurlingham will be played on a very damp, slow wicket. Tomor-row the MCC plays an Ar-gentine under-25 side at Lonas.

bowler, who has a back injury. Arnott, their best equipped batsmen defensively, has been ruled out of the remainder of the series after breaking his right index finger in the first international. The two newcomers in the side are Grant Flower, the younger brother of Andrew Flower, the wicket-

bowl, may also be used. suggesting that he possessed it rather confirms the lack many strokes. Goodwin made of depth in Zimbabwean an aggressive 60 in the same bowling resources that there match when he led an atwas no obvious candidate to tempted run chase on the last

> Nicholas and Keith Fletcher, the coach, both believe that this English team has not yet reached peak form on the tour which, they are convinced, will have been proved well worthwhile in the years ahead. They were delighted when the word trickled through from the TCCB meeting this week that another A tour had been agreed in principle for next

> Fletcher, one suspects, is happier bringing on the emerging skill of his present charges than he would be in Micky Stewart's shoes in the West Indies.

There is nothing in the laws of cricket on the subject but it is a novel sight to see Fletcher accompanying the twelfth man on to the field at drinks breaks to help and pass advice to the players. Barry Dudleston does the same for the

This tour is a learning process for both sides but there is no doubt that England

History on England's side

Considering the extent to which they have dominated the modern game, the recent Test record of West Indies in Georgetown, Gnyana, where the second Test starts today, is astonishingly had. They sustained their only home defeat of the Eighties there (to Pakistan in 1987-88), and they provided a win of the pakistan in 1987-88). nd last recorded a win at

Bourda 25 years ago.

There are two principal reasons for a statistic that would cause embarrassment to a Test side far less powerful than West Indies. Both offer encouragement to England for the present march.

74, nearly 13½ hours were lost, and had the fear of a Test there and had the fear of a Test there being cancelled through political pressure not led to Georgetowa being left off the itinerary four years ago (as had also happened in 1980-81), England might then have been spared their "black-wash".

Indies' poor record at Bourda is the pitches there, which are always easy-paced. Many a dangerous fast bowling attack has been blunted on these docile surfaces, and one of the finest performances on the ground performances on the ground must have been Snow's match figures of 10 for 142 in 1967-68. Several England batsmen have crafted centuries in Geor-getown: Hendren, Hutton, Sub-ba Row, Dexter, Boycott, Amiss and Greig, Hutton's 169 in 7%

hours was the basis for En-gland's only win on the ground, in 1953-54. Of their other Tests there, two have been lost and four drawn. In view of the conditions,

England have attnally opted to play two spinners at Bourda (although they cannot have anticipated in 1967-68 that Lock and Pocock would be the match-

Perhaps west mines would be wise to adopt similar tactics this time. Their side having gone one down in the series, the West Indian fast bowlers would be wanting a venue other than this at which to begin recovering such unexpectedly lost ground, and then it no noist their mine. and there is no point their gois into the match feeling thwarts before they start.

EQUESTRIANISM

Badminton prospects get their first outing

Virginia Leng, the world and European three-day event champion, heads the 700-strong list of entries for the Crookham horse trials, which take place at Tweseldown racecourse in Hampshire this weekend.

The starting list for the threeday trials — supported by Pedi-gree pet foods — reads like a Who's Who of eventing with Lucinda Green, Robert Lem-ieux, Mark Todd, Leslie Law, Mary Thomson and Jemima lobreen among these giving

Sunday's open intermediate class, will compete at Badminton. The 10-year-old geld-ing, formerly ridden by Ian

By Jenny MacArthur

Stark, had an impressive win at the Rotherfield three-day event last year, but Leng would prefer to compete at Burghley with the horse in September before tack-ling Badminton. She may aim him at the French event at

Saumur this summer.

While the Badminton horses provide the focal point of this weekend, the military and vet-erans classes have also attracted a strong entry. The Princess Royal, riding Maggi Jo, will compete in the former. She is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Signals, 14/20th Hussars, and mals, 14/20th Hussars, and Worcestershire and Sher-

The veterans are headed by Jane Holderness-Roddam,

ATHLETICS: EAST GERMANS COME TO BRITAIN ON AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS VISIT



The success of British sprinting has been underlined this week with the arrival of two of East Germany's leading athletes in this country for ceaching under John Isaacs (David Pewell writes).

Isaacs coached Marcus Adam to the Commonwealth 200 metres title in Auckland, John Regis to the world indoor 200 metres title last year, and Tony Jarrett to Commonwealth and high kurdles this year.

His expertise is being put to use in an exchange programme, sponsored by Post Office Counters, which will also see the two leading British women's 800 metres runners, Diane Edwards and Ann Williams, go to East Germany for coaching with the world and Olympic champion,

Isaacs (centre) is pictured at Haringey, where he coaches his squad, with the East Germans, Frank Emmelmann

, and Steffen Gormer (left). "I see their stay as an exchange of ideas," Isaacs said. "I want to show them how the system works here, and I want to learn more about their conditioning and technical side."

Norman Poole, who conches Edwards and Williams, and who will go to East Germany with his athletes, said: "I'm looking forward to developing my weaker areas, particularly the strength and

System will rule out a leading runner

By David Powell Athletics Correspondent

as the one which left Steve Cram unable to defend either of his Commonwealth Games titles in Auckland, means that Britain face the prospect of contesting the men's world cross-country championship at Aix-les-Bains, France, in two weeks, without one of their four leading runners, who all want to take part, while others with much lesser

RUGBY UNION

Hein in as

Eagles try

new blood

By George Ace

The American Eagles have

made eight changes from the team that started the match

against the Irish Colleges in Dublin on Tuesday night for the game against the Ireland Under-25 side at Thomond Park,

They include one new can, in

pointed with the 19-18 defeat

in Dublin, after the Eagles had

claims make the team.

Tim Hutchings, Famonn

ard Nerurkar can each point to good reasons why they should be included. But, because there are only three discretionary places and none of them is running the trial race at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, tomorrow, the best the one left out can hope for is to be named as first reserve.

Meanwhile, there are guar-

anteed places for the first six bome in the trial, which will include only two of the first 10 in the English national last

are the exceptions. Nerurkan are the exceptions. Neutral stands by his victory as his case for selection, while Steve Tunstall, Kevin Forster, Geoff Turnbull, John Sherban, Craig Mochrie, Paul Cuskin and John Downes have other reasons for declining invitations.

The sadness is that a team including Hutchings, Martin, Staines, Nerurkar, the two Irishmen, Peter McColgan and Deon McNeilly, and Tunstall, Forster and Turnbull, would have stood a chance of going one better than

gland's entries are a blend of those who finished between eleventh and 29th in the national, two of the leading three juniors, Steve Brooks and John Mayock, and those who missed

McColgan, winner of the Hunter should win the women's

the national to prepare for the

Northern Ireland and Scotland nationals, Eddie Conway, win-ner of the Welsh, and McNeilly

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens hope for revenge

For more than 10 months, thoughts of revenge have occupied the minds of everyone connected with the St Helens club. The awful memory of last April's 27-0 drubbing from Wigan still hurts, and this afternoon at Old Trafford the St Helens will attempt to exorcise

the Wigan ghost.
The teams meet again in the semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, and as the St Helens coach, Mike McClellan, put it yesterday: "The players owe it to themselves, to their families and to their work-mates to put the Mike Dejong, at stand-off half. Chip Howard, the team manager, admitted he was discord straight. We may not win, but if we are beaten again, this time it must be with

dignity."
McClellan has only been in charge at Knowsley Road for just over a month, but in that

held a 15-3 lead at the interval. Kevin Higgins, the captain, is centre to accommodate Gary Hein, of Oxford University.

But with four full inter-national and a bevy of inter-provincials in their line-up the odds must favour the Irish, playing in front of the selection panel who meet tomorrow to decide on the team to face

Wales.

as to the importance of this afternoon's derby game between ancient and traditional rivals. He has watched time and again the video tape of last year's Wembley final, and has studied to the studied to th studied tapes of the Wigan side in recent action, looking for every possible flaw in the apparently impregnable Central Park armoury. He has also told his

players to stop brooding over last year's events, and to raise their game to its highest peak this afternoon. The Wigan coach, John Monie, is also a virtual newcomer to the rivalry between St Helens and Wigan, but he arrived at the start of the season and has had time to digest its

significance.

is expecting a hard game. "Everyone wants to play well against Wigan, and the Saints, under their new coach, will lift their game against us. It will not be easy this time," Monie said. I expect Wigan's dominance

in all competitions this season to continue before a crowd approaching 30,000 at Old Trafford, but endorse the view that St Helens will go down

Wigan's hold on the leadership of the first division will remain intact this weekend, but Leeds can keep on their heels with victory over the Challenge Cup semi-finalists, Warrington, at Wilderspool. The last remaining chance Widnes had of outsthauling the leaders of overhauling the leaders dis-appeared at Featherstone on

time he has been left in no doubt pride in the St Helens ranks, and Wednesday. Wembley selling job under way

Aiready the publicity and organizational wheels are in motion to achieve the essential success for the first international For the Wembley experiment in the three-match series against Australia, the world champions, to be deemed a success, an

next winter.
The match will be played at Wembley, a bold venture by the Rugby Football League which will evoke loud hurrals if it is successful, but an embarras

Many cautious voices within the sport wanted to play safe and hold all the international games against the Kangaroos at acknowledged northern venues

A spirit of adventure and progressive thinking won the day, as the board of directors, and particularly Maurice Lindsay, the marketing director, who is also the Great Britain man-

By Keith Macklin

attendance at a minimum level of 40,000 is required, and for it to be an outstanding success the figure will need to hit 50,000 or 60,000. When the first interout, of the 1986 series against Australia was played at Old Trafford, there was a crowd of more than 50,000 and comparisons will be inevitable.

A figure less than 30,000 will produce a mocking chorus of "I told you so" from a variety of sources and wounded pride will be epidemic throughout head-quarters officials at Leeds. So the skilful wooings have begun as the league's efficient publicity and public relations

machinery announces its first package of lures designed to create for the Wembley game against the world champions the same enthusiasm that is annually generated for the game's star attraction, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final

Despite the fact that the allconquering Kangaroos are the world's foremost attraction, there is still a selling job to be done to bring the thousands down from the north, away from live television coverage of the

Prices for the Australian game will be greatly reduced from cup final prices. The top ticket for the Silk Cut event costs £29, but to see the Australians it will be £15, with lower prices at £12, £10 and £8. There will be a concessionary price for children

Cricket, boxing videos to be won

casy-to-enter competition with 20 first prizes — a copy of the official video of England's historic first-Test victory over the West Indies in Kingston, Jareach plans a copy of the British Title Fights Volume 2 video. The cricket video, entitled Victory — West Indies v England, first Test, 1990, rans for about an hour and captures all the highlights of England's surprising nine-wicket win. It is released by Castle Headring and is available from leading video

stockists from today. The boxing video, also re-eased by Castle Hendring and running for about an hour, features eight British championship bouts, including Terry Marsh v Clinton McKenzie and Gary Stretch v Gary Cooper.

To enter the competition answer the six questions below complete the entry form and send it to Test Video Competition, Sports Department, The Times, I Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive by March 19. The 29 winners will be the senders of the first 20 correct entries opened after

THE QUESTIONS

What trophy is at stake in England v West Indies Test matches?

2. Who captained England when they last won a Test match in the Caribbean. (prior to the present series)?

3. Who captained West Indies 4. Name the West Indian bowler who took 14 wickets in the fifth Test at the Oval in

5. Which West Indian island staged its first Test match in 1981?

6. What is the name of the main cricket ground in Barbados?



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VOLLEYBALL

Underdogs with a large appetite for success

By Roddy Mackenzie Hilton Leeds, approaching the first big final in their 17-year history, will adopt a low-key approach to tomorrow's Royal Bank English Men's Cup final against Team Mizumo Malory at Crystal Palace. Richard Harrison, the team coach, explained yesterday: "Many people seem to be writing us off - not as no-

hopers, but they seem to think there is no way we can win. That Just might suit us. "I think we'll be the hungrier team as this is the first time we've been in a position to win one of the major trophies and there might not be another chance for some of the players

George Bulman, the national director of the English Volley-ball Association, was involved in the formative years of the club in the Seventies. The only survivor is Dave Speers, who will be in the squad.

Malory, who have won the trophy for the last three years. are poised to repeat last year's because of injury since league and cup double success. November.

FENCING

Cohen going for record

lan Williams, aged 22 the aged 42, the last person in British sabre fencing to win a international No. 1, has returned from his Hungarian training camp in Budapest to defend his national title at the British characteristics.

British championships in main British opens at Leicester Manchester today.

Windsurfing regattas in sponsorship

They moved a step closer to the league title by beating Dynamo London 3-0 on Wednesday.

Richard Dobell, who was ordered to rest an ankle injury earlier in the week, is a doubtful starter but, as the most talented setter in the country, is likely to be involved. Williams is attempting a remarkable double tomorrow as he will also coach series to take in what is pres-ently the British Funboard Cup. The three-day events will be Brixton Knights in the women's cup final against Sovereign Leasing Sale. held in two series, April to May and September to October, in

Brixton have only lost once this season — to Hilton Leeds last weekend when they were without two key players this is their first appearance in a cup final. "We won't be reading too much into the fact that this is their first final," Ian Goswell, the Sale coach, said. Sale have lost in the final for prospects, according to Phil Jones, windsurfing manager of the last two years but Goswell

has a well-organized side which the association. is particularly strong in the back "The funboard circuit is now court. They have missed Nicky Fowler, the England interthe acknowledged feeding ground for Olympic windsurfing, which is frankly national, who has not played not attractive to most windsurfers," he said. "The bronze medal winner in Pusan came from funboarding and, in 1992, it is likely all the medal

wave. Courses are short and tortuous, slaloms run close to the beach for spectator appeal; and — when surf conditions Manchester today.

Strongest rival on the home a record sixth national sabre involves a cross front will be Richard Cohen, title. involves a cross between surfing

Rucanor motoring in at speed for fifth leg

By Malcolm McKeag

The yacht collided with a time bonus, compensation for whale just after the start of the time he lost assisting a fellow leg, damaging the rudder, and competitor who had capsized, returned 500 miles to New Zealand for repairs.

expected sleigh-ride to the Horn.

The slower-than-predicted leg has shortened the time in port for all yachts, to the relief of repairs, appears to have been most: a much-criticized feature made less than welcome.

Busy time for Smith After the news that Chris challenger (Barry Pickthall Dickson, the New Zealand world match race champion, has joined the Japanese Nippon America's Cup challenge as principal helmsman for a re-puted \$1 million (approxi-mately £606,000), comes the

has taken advantage of the stopover in the Whithread Round the World race to return from Uruguay to England to race challenge in three years finalize arrangements to steer time, following the next Ameri-Peter de Savary's British Cup ca's Cup.

High marks for Capriati in first week

nament here. Peyron is carrying a 14-hour

losing in the second round.

One of the most remarkable aspects of her game is the manner in which she is able to

of the race has been that the yachts have spent more time in port, at the stop-overs, than they have at sea, racing.

made less than weacome. "I have no local money, my credit cards are no good here and everyone is too busy to help me," he reported to his base. Daniels in straight sets. She then lost the second set 6-0 to Claudia Porwik, but took the third with ease. And against Tauziat, ranked 16 in the world,

also adept at hurrying Tauziat

RESULTS: Titled Rosend: G Sattetini (Arg) to R Reggi (to, 6-2, 6-1; D Van Remsburg (SA) bt P Sinter (US), 7-5, 6-1; M J Fernandez (US) to J Wiesner (Austria), 6-4, 8-1; A Contair (SA) bt H Mandikova (Aust), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; J Caprieti (US) bt N Teuziet (F1, 6-4, 6-2; H Sultova (C2) bt N Cloffi (US), 6-4, 4-5, 6-1; J Novotna (C2) bt A Gavaldon (US), 6-1, -7-0; L clintamenter

From Barry Wood Boca Raton, Florida Jennifer Capriati continued to justify the attention focused on her first week as professional by defeating Nathalie Tanziat 6-4, 6-2, to reach the quarter-finals of the Virginia Slims tour-

A consequence of her success is that her school sends the 13-year-old her lessons by fax machine. Her usual routine is to study from 7.0 until 11.0, then play tennis, and then study again for an hour in the evening. Bedtime is 9.30, but she was tennis, and then study allowed to stay up and play doubles with Billie Jean King,

turn potential defeat into merely a temporary setback.
In her first match, she conceded 10 consecutive points at one stage, but then recovered her poise to beat Mary Lou

she responded at 4-1 down by winning seven games in a row.
Results can sometimes mislead, but Capriati was the superior player. She not only took her chances better, but was

Argument with Agassi

on cup place worsens From Richard Evans, Indian Wells, California

at Grand Champions, where Agassi has reached the quarter-finals of the \$1 million (£610,000) Newsweek Cup. Having first agreed to play against Czechoslovakia in Prague later this month and then changed his mind 24 hours Vegas sought to imply that this was all the fault of a captain

whom he called "narrow-minded", "a follower rather than a leader" and a When Gorman asked Agassi to join the team for the tie against Mexico last month, he stressed that he wanted all the team members to come alone, or only with their wives, so that

proper team spirit could be Agassi, who rarely talks to anyone on the tour, is always accompanied by his brother, his coach and at least two other

There are obviously a number of differences between Gorman

The row between Andre Agassi and several members of the and Tom Gorman, his Davis squad. The former Wimbledon Cup captain, has escalated here semi-finalist is a thoroughly nice. man who may not be strong enough to handle millionaire tennis players, but then there are not many qualified people who would be.
John McEnroe has not found

Gorman an inspiring leader and that has much to do with his absence from the team. Gorman was disappointed at Agassi's absence from a meeting Gorman had called with all the possible Davis Cup players the previous evening. Everyone had their say and there are some

things that we will do differently in the future." Gorman said. "But if Andre had been there I am sure he would have not said : the things he said today."

Aaron Krickstein, who will replace Agassi in Prague, admit-ted that he had a few differences. with Gorman but was harder on Agassi. "I would think what." Andre did in pulling out was pretty gutless," he said.

RESULTS: Third round: B Becker (WG) b

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The first is Guyana's climate, which is notoriously wet. Rarely has a Test been staged at Georgetown which has not been affected by rain. The last time England played there, in 1973-

for women's **Head of River**

the 4% mile Mortlake to Putney course (a Special Correspondent The race, inaugurated in 1930, was not held from 1940 to 1949, and, when restarted in 1950, it was held over shorter

distinctly unfashionable for young women, a total of five crews entered. Today, a record 168 crews, including oversees entries from Austria, Germany and The Netherlands ranging from veteran to novice class, will set out from Mortlake at

ROWING

Record entry

The fiftieth women's eight Head of the River Race will be held day as it was 60 years ago over

courses. The race reverted to the original Mortlake to Putney

Johnson among those giving their likely Badminton borses their first outing of the new Leng is not sure whether Griffin, the horse she will ride in

chairman of the selectors, who will ride 23-year-old Warrior, winner of Badminton in 1978.

By Malcolm McKeag Substantial sponsorship for British windstring for the next three years was announced yes-terday by the Royal Yachting Association and Lambs Navy Rum. The Lambs Navy Windsurfing Championships will be an annual eight-regatta

venues from Sussex to York-shire, Wales and Devon. Lambs already sponsor Jonathan Hutchcroft, the first division world champion, and although funboarding is not an Olympic discipline, the sponsor-ship will be "crucial" to Brit-ain's 1992 windsurfing medal

winners will be on the funboard Funboarding, from casual off-the-beach sailing to the world-wide circus of professional events, is the glamorous side of windsurfing. There are three disciplines: speed, slalom and permit - the wave discipline

YACHTING

Rucanor Sport, of Belgium, last in Division D and the only Whitbread yacht still at sea, has formally retired from the fourth leg of the race and is motoring with all despatch towards Punta del Este so as to have time to prepare for the race restart next Saturday. She should arrive on Monday.

In the Globe Challenge single-handed race, where the yachts have spent all their time at sea and none in port, Tituoan than 1,800 miles from the finish and had begun to open out his lead on Loick Peyron, lying Second.

Peyron is carrying a 14-hour

When Rucanor set out again, she was 1,500 miles behind the having covered 248 miles in the fleet, what little chance she had previous 24 hours. The pair are of catching up quickly dis-appearing as she and the others at Les Sables d'Olonne, on the met either light stern winds or Atlantic coast of France, on strong headwinds instead of the Thursday.

information that Lawrie Smith

writes). Smrth, already one of the highest-paid yachtsmen in Britain after lucrative contracts with Kevin Parry's Australian

Kookaburra Cup challenge and now with Rothmans, could well

become the first £1 million Rothmans are also keen to retain him to lead a second Whitbread Round the World

Harnessing an insuperable will to win

y 11 o'clock the sun had climbed high into the cloudless sky above Whitsbury. Eight days be-fore Desert Orchid's attempt to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup for the second time, cooing pigeons and flowering daffodils welcomed the arrival of spring.

The nation's idol, at peace with himself, looked up impassively from his mid-morning feed and regarded the intruder. After allowing a brief scratching between his ears, he returned to the sweet Kent hay on the floor of his box. All was

Yet four hours earlier the yard had been a hive of activity as David Elsworth supervised the gathering of first lot, including Desert Or-chid, Barubrook Again, Cavvies Clown and the rest of the team for the National Hunt

The calm workaday scene belied an underlying tension as the highlight of the jumping year approaches. Desert Orchid has become the most popular steeplechaser in history, and the growing cult of the grey legend has dramatically changed the life of the obscure Hampshire hamlet and of those who work on Chris Harper's estate.

Elsworth, a bouncing ball of hyper-activity, has always thrived on the big occasion. But in the build-up to the Festival and afterwards to the Grand National, the trainer's normally voluble lips are

"I've been signed up by a national newspaper," he said. They want my exclusive views about the Gold Cup, Cheltenham and Aintree. They're paying me a lot of money which will help to educate my children. I'm sorry, but there it is."

Yet Desert Orchid's impact spreads beyond Elsworth, throughout the close-knit team at Whitsbury. Rodney Boult, the head lad, rides the

grey in his home work.

"He changes as he gets fitter," says Boult, now seven years with Elsworth. "He gets more spring in his step, and he tive. "He's something very gets meaner. He likes to be the special to all of us, and you boss. When Cavvies Clown can't stop people trying to drew alongside him the other make him something extra. morning he bared his teeth But basically he's just an and went for him. He's been ordinary racehorse, although a like that since before he won at good one. And I'm only an Kempton recently.

"He even went for me in his a the other day, after he'd box the other day, after he'd Like Boult, Coyle notices

hurry up and get a move on and let me put his tack on. He squealed and had a go at me, although it was only in fun."

Desert Orchid has improved steadily with racing. After his recent Kempton win, Timeform rated him the best chaser since Arkle, a truly glowing compliment.
"He's an athlete and always reminds me of Seb Coe,

Boult says. "He loves to run and he loves to beat the others. And he's got the same beautiful, rhythmic stride. "Human athletes can moti-

vate themselves, but with horses our job is to keep them happy, relaxed and enjoying themselves. Only years of hard graft develops stamina and strength. We've got to turn big soft babies into big tough racehorses."

That the champion is al-

ways allowed to dominate his stable companions has been another factor in his development, "He never gets told off or scoided," says Bouit "He's developed a tremendous sense of character, a determination to beat everything. You could see it when he tried to go for Yahoo in the Gold Cup, and for Panto Prince at Ascot. He wanted to ride them off."

Boult's admiration for Elsworth knows no bounds. "He's got this instinctive feeling for animals. He can get inside a horse's head and read him. He's got this more than any man I've known, and I've worked for the likes of Dick Hern and John Dunlop.*

ne head lad warmed to his theme. "It's uncanny. He gets into the human mind as well. He's got this nosey way of looking But when raceday dawns,

Boult adheres to a self-imposed ban. "I've been to watch him six times and he's been beaten six times. I'm not officially banned, but how can I go with a record like that?" Janice Coyle, Desert Or-

chid's "lad" for the past three years, sees the stable star from a slightly different perspec-

Casey to train for one season.

And Tom's son, John, came over

the following year to teach me."
New Upson has 18 of his own

stabled at Adstone. "We have a

marvellous set-up and a tremen-

Next season Upson will apply for a full licence. "With a permit, you are restricted to jumping. Not that I would like to

go into the Flat in a big way — I'm a dyed-in-the-wool National

Hant man — but we do have a

comple that could win on the

friends and concentrate on quality horses, like the the Dickin-

a property developer."

Upson confesses that he has
not backed Nick The Brief for

the Gold Cup, despite the re-wards the horse has brought his

"I only have half a dozen bets

a year. It's just as satisfying to see one of my horses win a small

race at Towcester. In reality, if

everyone accounted for their betting, very few would be winning.
"I rate my horse's chances

very highly. Desert Orchid, of course, is a super horse but I

and, with this borse, if you do that, he will put down."

"Martin really knows the the horse and, even more important, the horse knows him. There has to be that rapport. We are learning all the time about this

borse but, for him to run his best, we will need a lot of rain.

him and the staff."

fitter, he gets more bad tempered, determined and full of mischief. It's a good sign. But with a week to go he's just about there and they're just keeping him ticking over. That's made him a bit kinder

and more relaxed." Much of the strain of looking after the two Whitsbury superstars. Elsworth and Desert Orchid, falls on the trainer's wife. Jane. "You can't expect life to go on as normal with a horse like Desert Orchid," she says. "It gives an extra dimension to life, and my daughter Jessica becomes

the changes in the grey. "He with everyone talking to her the floor, he pokes it to wake it worth's bearded secretary and that Barnbrook Again will finds the work hard. As he gets about it. I even had someone knock on the door the other day and ask where the souvenir shop was."

> About her husband: "He's got this instinctive rapport with horses. It's all intuition. If he'd been a Spitfire pilot, he'd have flown by the seat of

The trainer moves about like lightning. "He's like a hyper-active child. He had all the television sets taken out of Elsworth has urged backers the house at Christmas be- to seize the 16-1 available cause he thought it was wasting his children's time. He ing each-way support for the can't bear to see anything recent Wincanton winner. acutely aware of this at school relax. If a dog goes to sleep on

Primed and ready to fire: as the festival approaches, Desert Orchid (Rodney Boult) is a study in controlled power and determination on the Whitsbury gallops

Above all, however, Elsworth is a kind and generousspirited man. The long racing lives of Desert Orchid, Cavvies Clown and Floyd pay eloquent testimony to his treatment. This week he not only gave your correspondent a free hand, he also allowed a 40-strong visit by the Race-goers' Club only five days before the start of Cheltenham.

about Cavvies Clown, advis-However, Chris Hill, Els-

office mastermind, disagrees. "I know David is very pleased with Cavvies Clown and that he's a Cheltenham horse. He fell when in the lead three out in the Sun Alliance. The following season he slammed Ten Plus over the course before making a bad mistake when second to Charter Party in the Gold Cup.

"But Desert Orchid looks outstanding. It's not a good race. Bonanza Boy is second favourite and you'd say he was a bad winner of the race if he pulled it off. Last year the desperate ground pulled Desert Orchid back to Yahoo." The whole yard is adamant

repeat last year's win in the Queen Mother Two-Mile Champion Chase. "I don't see what's going to stop him," Hill went on "Sabin Du Lou's next best, but they're not in the same class. "Last year's winners, Desert

Orchid and Barnbrook Again, are best prospects. Then we've got five sporting chances, Cavvies Clown, Major Inquiry in the Triumph, Riverhead in the Waterford Supreme Novices' Hurdle on the first day, Floyd in the Stayers' Hurdle, Ghofar in the Cathcart or the Ritz and Rustic Comedy in the County Hur-

Beech Road rumours dismissed by Balding
Toby Balding is posting a 24

hurdler, Beech Road, who is due to defend his crown at Cheiten-

Bookmaker speculation histed that all was not well with the auto-post favourite but the trainer was quick to scotch such suggestions at Sandown Park

I have now arranged to place a 24-hour guard on him." Beech Road has eased from 6-4 to 7-4 with Hills and Ladbrokes, who both report a flood of meney for Kribensis, the second favourite. Michael Stoute's charge, a 4-1 chance at the start of the week, is now 5-2 from 3-1. Moriey Street, the chantenion's stable

is now 5-2 from 5-1. Notely Street, the champion's stable companion, is 12-1 from 14-1 with Ladbrokes.

Trainer in form at Sandown yesterday was Charlie Brooks, who has his team back on song just in time for Cheltenham. A weeks but Abbotts View Okeetre and Battalion combined

o give him a 49-1 treble. Abbotts View was sickening for the virus when disappointing at Warwick previously but left that form way behind with an eight-length win over the 11-3 favourite, Bourbon Spirit, in the favourite, Bourbon Spirit, in the first division of the Lilac Nov-ices' Hurdle.

The runner-up returned hob-

bling, having broken down on the ren-in, and will not race again, although vets are hoping to save his life.

to save his life.

Oksetze, 11-10 favourite for the BMW Series Novices' Chase Qualifier, jumped soundly under Ben de Haan, made such of the running, and wan always holding the challenge of Power Punch. Okcetee will now attempt to stretch his winning run to four in the Racing Post Novice Chase Series Final awar 2½ miles at Newbury on

Peter Scudamore, who beat Coworth Park by a head in the Balvenie Malt Whisky Handicap Hurdle. However, the combination had to survive an objection from Decian Murphy on the runner-up and a stewards' inquiry before being allowed to keep the race.

There were royal smiles all round when the Queen proudly presented the Queen Mother with the Horse and Hound Grand Military Gold Cup after The Argonaut had come home ed by 15 lengths from Sen Over

The Argonaut was giving the Queen Mother her fourth success in the race in seven years. Special Cargo completed a tre-Special Cargo completed a tre-ble in the royal colours from

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Nick The Brief's tough case Clannad set for encore

With a cigar that resembles a stick of dynamite firmly planted between his lips, John Upson dismounted from his hunter and declared: "You can't better a ride in the morning, especially if you've been at the port the night before."

The ritual of taking the The ritual of taking the moraing air will be badly-needed if, on Thursday, Upson's Nick The Brief becomes the first permit-trained horse to win the Cheitenham Gold Cup since Lord Stalbridge collected with Red Rower is 1945.

"When Nick won the Vincent Offician Gold Cup at Leon.

O'Brien Gold Cup at Leop-ardstown, we bought the Berke-ley Court Hotel in Ireland." reflected Upson. "Winning has

Upson, though, does not lead the life of a full-time bon vivant. The 46-year-old works hard and plays hard. After supervising his string on the Northamptonshire downland, Upson thez juggles with figures at his Milton Keynes office. He has become an astute

player of the property market and has built up a business, Erostin, worth in excess of £50 million. "It's an 18-hour day, but I relish it. There are really 48 years of productivity in you and I am delighted to be doing it

It was through business that he became involved in racing. "I was linked with a company that purchased a raceborse, Greenwood Star, and it was a tremen-does success. When I started my pany it was suggested that ceded to profile the name by sponsoring a racing car or something of that nature. In the end we got a horse, Erostin Star.

It was a disaster."
Undeterred, Upson was soon
owning racehorses. "It started in
Ireland when I met Tom Costello at a point-to-point. He is really my mentor and supplies

really my menter and supplies many of my horses."

Upson then became involved in bloodstock is Ireland, where he still has point-to-pointers and broodmares. He also had horses with Stan Mellor for several seasons. "Stan was to become his own worst enemy when he suggested that I ought to have the horses at home in the summer to get to know them."

Upson did get to know them exceedingly well and Mellor never saw them again. "I pur it to Tom Costello about the feasibility of training and he gave me the encouragement to

gave me the encouragement to have a go. I brought over Terry

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Cheltenham team: John Upson, with Gold Cup contender, Nick The Brief, and lad, Tom Bodily, in the saddle runs, Nicholas is there cheering

already 17 hands without shoes.

Now eight, and the winner of 10 of his 26 outings, he has beaten the best Ireland has to offer, in the shape of Carvill's Hill and Maid Of Money, and is improving with every outing.

"He gets his ""

Tome Thursday, it is not inconceivable that Wilson's namesake could settle another job for Upson.

Racing next week to Monday: Ayr, Plumpton.

TUESDAY Cheltenham "WEDNESS"

WEDNESS" While a number of jockeys were associated with Nick The Brief last season, he now has a regular partner in Martin Lynch.

"He gets his name from a friend, Nicholas Wilson, a bar-

FRIDAY Wolvernampton, Fak-

Simpson considers Delamere move

he is considering a move to the nearby Delamere Stables, for-merly the base of the now-

market seven months ago, son added, "Negotiations are still going on, but I am definitely interested in moving to Delamere Stables,"

The historic Delamere yard — which housed the 1934 Derby winner Windsor Lad — has been

Simpson said.

Upper Lambourn trainer Rod four days time." Simpson, who has been at Neardown for six years, was forced to sell when his string was cut after the yard's former reured Ray Laing owner Terry Ramsden pulled Simpson has been looking for a new yard since he decided to put his Neardown stables on the didn consider Manton!" Simp-

impson said. vacant for about two years.

"We might be in a position to Smaller theh Simpson's present announce a decision in three or base, it is an ideal size for his

SATURDAY Chepeton Newcastie reduced string and conveniently placed for the gallops. Terry Casey, currently based at Thorpe Mandeville Manor, near Banbury, is all set to

finalise the move to Neardown and Simpson could be in a position to move into his new base within four weeks. Stuart Turner was taken to Lincoln County Hospital for Xrays on his chest yesterday after he was burt in a fall from Marsir in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase qualifier at Mar-ket Rasen ket Rasen,

for encore at Derwent

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

The point-to-point season gathers pace today with 12 meetings spread across England and

In the Audi qualifier at the Derwent, Clannad returns to compete in the race he won last year for Sarah Horner. Clannad was beaten once only in six

outings last term.

William Barlow appears to have the best chance, aboard Oakley House, when he rides against his brothers, David and Charles, in the equivalent event at the Cumbertand.

The same sponsor's qualifier, for the Cheltenham final on May 2, has been split into two divisions at the Oakley. Bolands Cross is an interesting entry in the first, while Richard Russell, now recovered from his three cracked ribs, will be re-united with Arctic Paddy in division

With 242 entries, the Brecon will be running their 10 races at half hourly intervals. The mo-Tixall Boy may finally have come in the first division of the

At the North Ledbury, Romulex is expected to run in the ladies and, though a nonwinner for two years, should

The race for novice riders has been divided at the Avon Vale where Ascertaimoor and Andrew Wardell look a winning combination in division one. At the Western, For A Lark will be chasing his fifth win of the season and, with Carl's Choice down to go in the open at the Duston Harriers, rather than the ladies, As You Were, under Nicola Bothway, has a chance to make amends for his fall at Higham a fortnight ago..

Pepe Blues, beaten into second place by Royal Buskins, at Neder Could return to the Nedge, could return to the winner's enclosure after the Land Rover open at the

Silverton.

Douglas Brig had Call Collect to contend with in a hunter chase at Kelso last time out. He chase at Neiso last time out. He did not disgrace himself in third place and has nothing of that calibre against him in the Land Rover even at the Cumbertand. Joey Newton has a strong hand at the Brocklesby with Periscope. True Dowry and White City Boy engaged in the Runner up in both his races this season, Falside should go one better in the restricted at the

Walvyn at Lambourn. Total 23.40; 21.30, 22.80, 27.00. DF. 221.20. CSF. 228.27.

3.40 (2m 5175)d hide) 1. SATTALION (P. Soudamons 2-1 few Mandarwire nept.). 2. Cowords Park (p. Murphy, 11-1), 3. Unite Total files) 6. Reggee Yeomen 10 Massair Barn. 11 Jazress 14 Nootomis Discrete Barn. 11 Jazress 18 Nootomis 23 Soground (Sm) 40 Accepts 2 No Colesso (p.u. 13 ren ha B. 214, 2 No. 16 Colesso (p.u. 13 ren ha B. 214, 2 No. 17 S. 20 CSF. 23 83. Treast 125 63 After an objection by the second and a stewards snoully the result stands.
4.16 (Sm 118yd ct) 1, FATNER SRAOY (Mr. J Greens), 3-1); 2. De Paulited (Mr. J Tree Room, 10-1); 3. Dreams Joner (Mr. Naylor Leyland, 5-4 tex). ALSO RAN: 5 (Gless Ladingson, 10-1); 3. Treast Jazres (Sm), 16 Latin American (Sm), 40 Asstyody (p.u.), 50 Easy Steed (Sm), 12 Jazres Hill (R Durnecoo), 11-4); 3. The Artist Rescal (E Marphy, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Fourly (Bh), 10 No Bonnas, 14 Charlton Yeoman, 20 Kentish Pion, 50 Around And About, Cut Above Average (pu), Godiva Bearings (Sh), Joker Jedy, Barly Fare, Armite'll Do (put, Latinegry, Marle Swift, Shelymyerri, Tochemis (481), South East Hunts' Club. Today's meetings Avon Vala. Nedge, 5m NE of Wells, 192.30 stards. Brecon., Lenthysech. 3m SE Brecon., (12.0): Bracticesby, Brocidesby Pars., 10m W of Grinsby, (2.0). Carisberland Parmers, Delson. 5m S of Cariste, (1.0): Derwent, Cherm Park, 5m SW Scurborough, (1.0): Derwent, Estmunds. (1.0). North Lecbury, Lipton on Severn, 5m N of Tewicesbury. (12.0): Desky, Newton Bromswold. 3m SE of Rushden, (1.0): Silverton, Haldon, 6m SW of Erect, (1.0): Silverton, Haldon, 6m SW of Erect, (1.0): Silverton, Haldon, 6m SW of Erect, (1.0): Silverton, Malcon, 6m SW of Erect, (1.0): Western, 3m SE of Pulborough, (1.0): Western, Royal Shoty Ground, Wedecondge, (1.0).

Selections

By Mandarin 2.0 Ah Jim Lad. 2.30 Share A Fr doiph Place, 3.30 Killone Abbey, 4.0 Mercurius, 4.30 Fisherman's Croft.
Michael Seely's selection: 4.0 TActico.

2.0 AYRSHIRE YEOMANRY CUP MAIDEN HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,197: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

9 490 HEMERICHER THE ALAMO 14-J-J-Crops 4-11-4 8 CP-Milloun (7) 10 4 OFF AND ON 15 I Sample 4-10-13 ____ P Molecup (7) 3-1 Grand Occasion, 4-1 Ceve Park, 6-1 Remember The Alamo, The Fink Sisters, 3-1 Off The Bru, 12-1 others.

2.30 AFTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,467: 2m 4f) (4) 1 SUIT SHARE A FREND 10 (D.C.S) G Richards 9-11-8
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2 -27F BONDER OAK 14 J Charlon 8-11-4 B Shorey
3 -25U MARLETSED 25 J Oliver 8-11-4 Theed
4 221/ SHERMAN GUITREY 840 (F.G.S) G Richards 9-11-4 L O'Hann (5) 4-9 Share A Friend, 5-1 Border Cak, 13-2 Sharmen Quarry

Course specialists Imition, 9 from 38, 23.7%; G Richards, 61 from 294, 23.1%; WA Shaphenson, 30 from 161, 18.6%; J Charlson, 10 from 70, 14.3%; M Naughton, 14 from 112, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 12 witness from 44 rickes, 29.5%; N Dougray, 31 from 142, 21.5%; Mr. J Brachburns, 4 from 23, 17.4%; D Byrns, 5 from 29, 17.2%; L Wyer, 12 from 70, 17.1%, B Shorey, 21 from 148, 14.2%. TRANSPS: G Moore, 24 winners from 93 namers, 25.8%, N Tinkier, 9 from 38, 23.7%; G Richerds, 61 from 254, 23.1%; W A Stephenson, 30 from 161, 18.8%; J Charlson, 10 from 70, 14.3%; M Naughton, 14 from 112, 12.6%.

3.0 LADY ISLE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,343: 2m USUS HANDOLPH PLACE 14 (B.S) G Fichards 9-12-0

3-1 Randolph Place, 4-1 Guzner Mac, 5-1 Eastern Casis, 11-2 Vale Of Secrecy, 8-1 Macho Man, 10-1 others.

3.30 WESTERN MEETING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (22,846: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 1/6F MIGHTY MANK 21 (C.S.S) F Welton 11-12-0. B Storey 2 22:U RELONE ABBEY 21 (C.S.) W A Shiphenson 7-11-8 C Grant 3 -584 FURLANA WONDER 16 (3) J.J. O'Nell 6-10-1 R Supple 4 861P SROWMELL LASS 7 (CD.S) R Goldie 5-10-0 G Scope (7)
5 432P COOL BREW 21 (CD,S) R Painty 12-10-0 T Read

Evens Killone Abbay, 100-30 Mighty Mark, 11-2 Brownhill Less, 8-1 Furture Wonder, 12-1 Cool Brew. 4.0 DOONHOLM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,718: 2m)

1 ER46 UNEX-PLANED 18 (CD,BF,Q,S) G Moore 7-11-10 2 P221 TACTICO 10 (B.D.F.O.S) J.J O'Nell 8-11-7 R September 3 6-96 TAVERN TRUE 51 (0.5) R Paistry 5-10-9 Theed 4 5111 INERCURSUS 28 (CD.S) D Robertson 8-10-8 B Storey

11-10 Tacilco, 7-4 Mercurius, 4-1 Unes-Plained, 16-1 Tav-em Time. 4.30 CREE LODGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,022;

(T) (/) 1 1122 FISHERMAN'S CROFT 14 (CD,RF,F,Ć,S) N Tinkin 4-11-10 G No. 2 9415 WARWICK SUITE 4 (V,CD,Q,S) M Naughton 8-11-8

3 5921 ON THE HOOCH 21 (5) Mrs S Bredburne 5-11-5

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Sandown Park Going: good to firm (ch); good (hdies)

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2.0 (2m hgle) 1, ASBCTT\$ VIEW (P
Scudamore, 7-1); 2, Bourben Spart (M
Richards, 11-8 fant; 3, Yeboyen (F) Rowe,
5-1), ALSO RAM 6 dispersion (Bm), 10
Dudley, 12 Major Ettori, 20 Caschapenny
(401), 35 Keswood Jeck, 50 Ocean Link,
Casck Rapor, Turpin's Green (401),
Monssins, 12 ran, NR Castle Orchard, 8,
44, 46ed heat, 8, C Brooks at
Lembourn, Toler, 25.00; 27.50, 21.40,
21.70, DF: 25.90, CSP, £16.82.

213.73.
3.5 (3m 118yd ch) 1, THE ARGONAUT (Mr G Oxley, 5-2); 2, San Ovac (Ma) M Wesson, 12-1); 2, Desten R (Mr J Wringfield Olgoy, 50-1). ALSO RAA: 15-6 fav Bob Tisdeal (ro), 11-4 Roscoe Harvey (ur), 16 Caron Class (ur), 25 Polo Boy, 30 Eriss Dencer (pu), Grand Inquistor (48t), High Ridge (8th), Kewin Exaras (ur), Young Orliver (50t), 12 rgn. 18, 51, 51, 61st. 11. F Walvyn at Lambourn, Total 23.40, 21.30, 22.00, 23.70, OF 221.20, CSF 228.27.

VElage Princess. 18 ren. 3t, 12t, 3t, 11, 115t. O Sherwood et Upper Lembourn. Tots: £2.70; £1.70, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £8.50. CSF: £5.47. Jackpot 23,535.10. Placepot: \$17.40. Carlisle

Going: noft (neavy patches)
2.0 (2m 4f hole) 1, Pates Bossowy (T Morgan, 9-1); 2, Tribel Faster (8-1); 3, Bullyeden (83-1), Ozerbum House 8-11 fav. 18 ran, B, B, J Edwards, Total 29,60; 22-30, 24-30, £18-90, DF: £28-20, CSF: £74-78. 2.30 (3m ch) 1, Super Fountain (8 Storey, 3-1 fav); 2, Tartan Tampast (9-2; 3, Parson's Cross (7-1), 14 ran, 1%), 4f. F Watton, Tota; 52.60; 51.10, 82.10, 54.00. DF: £13.80. CSF; £16.08.

DF: E13.80. CSF: £16.06.
3.0 (2m 1f 110yd hdig) 1, Connet (C Grant, 9-4 fav); 2, Better Timbs Ahead (16-1); 3, Reinbo Caste (100-80), 8 ren. 161, hd. Denys Smith. Tole: £2.80; £1.80, £2.50, £1.10. OF: £21.70, CSF: £30.05.
3.30 (2m ch) 1, Notigatis (M Dwyer, 10-11 fav); 2, Reiner's Lad (15-2); 3, Mesnoon (11-2), 5 ren. 5, 31, D McCain. Tots; £1.80; £1.40, £4.00. DF: £5.30, CSF: £5.85. (11-2), 5 nan. 5, 3, D McCain. Tota; 21.50; 21.40; 24.00, DF; 25.30, CSF; 25.69.

4.0 (2m 11 110)rd hdgs 1, Gartean Boy (R Supple, 7-1); 2, Marcelline (7-1); 3, Pondered Bid (25-1); 4, Musical Mystery (9-2 9-tex), Candistright 9-2 9-tex, 16 nan. 3, 8, 1, 1 O VNeill. Tota; 22.190; 22.90, 22.90, 23.90, 21.90, DF; 2209.60, CSF; 25.94, Vincest 21.000.39.

4.30 (3m 2: ch) 1, Coulture Color (D Shen 10-1); 2, Weighool (7-2), 3, Reservot (9-1); 4-tex); 36.90 (2m 2: ch); 1, Coulture Color (D Shen 10-1); 2, Weighool (7-2), 3, Reservot (9-1); 4-tex); 36.90 (2m 11); 4.00 (2m 2-1); 4.00 (2m 2-1);

Precept: \$274.36. Market Rasen

Going good 2.15 (2m h/b) 1, January Path (M Brennen, 10-1): 2, Koadosko (11-8 tay): 3, Worldsportflyer (2)-1). 12 ran. 21, 31, 13 Stundell, Tole: 28,80; 51,70, 21,80, 52,40, DF: 54,40. GSP: \$23,75. Bought in a Million.

12 ran. 4, 5, G Moore, Yota: £3.10; £1.20, £2.40, £22.90, DF: £8.60, CSF: £14.99. 25.00. 222.00. UP: 25.00. USP: 214.50.
3.50 (2m 4f hole) 1, Royal Gosep (L. Harvey, 5-1); 2, Ismes My Boy (5-4 fay); 3, Haddon Lag (10-1), 5 ran. NR: Sweet City, 2, an hol Mrs I McGlos. Tone: 24.40; 22.50, £1.30. DF: 25.50. CSP: 210.96. 21.50. DF: 25.60. GSF: 210.96.
4.30 (2m hdis) 1, island Jubaster (1. 4.30 (2m hdis) 1, island Jubaster (1. 4.30 (2m hdis) 1, island Jubaster (1. 4.30 (2m hdis) 1, island (4-1); 3, Neselled (4-1). Logarnimo 5-6 fev. 11 ran. 151, 151, M H Easterly, Toke 24.50; 21.40. 21.70, 21.20. DF: 21.540. CSF: 246.40.
4.50 (2m St ch) 1, The Desney Burber (G. McCourt, 5-2); 2, Mountabor (4-7 twix 3, Geo-A (6-1), 4 rath. 151, 11. G Richards. Toke: 23.40. DF: 21.80. CSF: 24.18. Tour Edward Int ELDU, USBY TA-TB.
5.18 (Im 4f Brd) 1, Geing On 63 McGir,
16-2; 2. Sprucer (12-1); 3. Comme Ci
Comme Ca (5-1), Searcher 2-1 Bax. 18 ran.
NR: Talesaway, 15; 254, Miles 5 Hall, Tote:
27.00; 22.40, Ed. 10, 21.60, DF; 237.60.

Lingfield Park

1.40 (Sh bolle) 1. Branco Star (O Marphy, 8-1); 2. Storm Warrior (3-4 fay); 3. Poona Express (7-2), 8 ran. NR: Mr Caracteous, NA: 12. P Milabel, Tome 22.20; £1.30, £1.70, £2.20; £1.30, Triosst; £71.01. 2.19 (2m hds) 1, Teles Issue (Dale McKeown, 6-4 fav); 2, Forcello (12-1); 3, Kremin Guard (7-2, 9 ran. 8, 2, 1 Sub-ciffs, Tou: 25.10; 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, DF; 216.50, CSF; 218.96, 2.49 (2m hdis) 1. The Lighter Side (A Jucius, 10-11 tan); 2. Horston (7-2; 3. The Brichin (20-1), 5 fan. 44, 301, B Presca. Toer 21-80; 21-10, 21-80, DP. 23-10, CSF; 24-44, de. 21-70, 21-80, DP. 23-10 (2m 44 hdis) 1. Hillion Bryon (I Shoemeric, 4-9 tan); 2. Parentus (6-1); 3. p. f. Filton-hayse, Tois: 21-30, DP-21-30, CSP: 24-14.

24.14.
2.40 (2m 2f hole) T. Ge Necktoy (P Bar-nard, 4-5 tav); 2. Limingo (11-4); 3. Couper (83-1), 7 ran. NR: Friendly Coast, 121, 21 T Thomson Jones. 7 rose: 27.40; 21.10. 22.30, DR: 52.20. CSF: 52.86. 4.10 (1m 9f fant) 1, Greenfalle Waerfer (J Ryen. 1-2 fav); 2. Dencing North (20-1); 2. Royal Barner (6-1), 8 ran. 151, 4h hd. M Ryen. Tote: 21.60; 21.00, 22.40, 22.20, DR: 52.70; CSP. 21.4.21, NR: Amendato. Placesport \$4.20

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£16,050: 2m) (15 runners)

4.10 WILLIAM HILL IMPERIAL CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed race:

SETTING: 100-30 Joyful Noise, 11-2 Without A Doubt, 7-1 Peanuts Pet, Moody Man, 16-1 Ambes dbury Star, 12-1 Alariscoun, Dane Say, 16-1 Run High, Midnight Strike, 20-1 Others.

1989: TRAVEL MYSTERY 6-10-0 P Scudemore (3-1 (av) M Pipe 8 ren

FORM FOCUS JOYFUL NOISE bd 2nd of 17 to Deep Sansation in the Tose Gold Trophy at Newbury (2m 100yd, heavy) with MOODY MAN (2b worse of) 8 8h, OUT OF RANGE (1ib worse of) 8 8h, OUT OF RANGE (1ib worse of) 8 8h, OUT OF RANGE (1ib worse of) 12 13th and AFARISTIOUN (5b worse of) 12 13th and AFARISTIOUN (5b worse of) 12 13th and AFARISTIOUN (5b worse of) 12 15th.

DARE SAY put up best effort when besting NAMAR (4b better of) 4L over this course and distance with MEMIGHT STRUCE (6b bester of) neck 3rd. BRAD-BLING 31 20 of 16 to Fragrent Deam at Newbury BLINTS STAR, winner of 4 of his 5 starts this season, 2ki 2nd of 15 to Fragrent Deam at Newbury BLINTS STAR, winner of 4 of his 5 starts this season, 2ki 2nd of 15 to Fragrent Deam at Newbury (2m 100yd, good) with TEBITTO (2b better of) 44 4th 3nd PEIBIY FORUM (2b better of) 13th.

4.40 BURNT OAK & SPECIAL CARGO NOVICES CHASE (£3,692: 2m

1989: SEVENS OUT 7-11-3 T Morean (20-1) A Wilson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS BOUTZDAROFF beat Harion 61 at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good to firm) last time. Previously beat Durbring (winner aince) 31 at Edinburgh (2m, good).

DECIDED XI 2nd of 8 to Cashew King at Nottingham (2m, soft). Earlier beat Another Coral 31 at Kempton (2m, good). PRINDERINS was probably unasited by the heavy ground when pulled up last time and is Selection: DECIDED (nap) 9

BETTRICE 2-1 Rocktor, 11-4 Cokenny Boy, 5-1 Lucky Landers, 13-2 Celtic Prince, 10-1 Lottiness, ands's Prince, 14-1 others.

1989: ONEUPMANSHIP 4-10-7 S Conion (5-1) D Elsworth 20 ra

5.40 FLYERS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,360: 2m) (19 runners)

TERS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,360: 2m) (19 m

AFTERTHOUGHT (Lord Swaything) N Henderson 5-11-8

AMENHOTEP (A Hussein) D Barons 5-11-8

CAPTAIN DEBLE (Mrs R Waugham) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-8

CELTIC STEPHEN (Mrs M Potter) O O'Neil 6-11-8

GRATUITY (Mrs L Field 4.) Bishop) G Baiding 5-11-8.

ROMANY SPLIT (Mrs S Lockbert) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-9

CHARLOTTE GRAY (6 Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-3.

Mr G John S MORNMIG TIDE 101 (Mrs V Forte) J Forts 5-11-3.

CUEEN OF SPARTA (Lady Helen Smith) M Wildreon 5-11-3.

RAPID GROUND (IV Section) D Multiprey Smith 5-11-3.

TUDOR ORCHID (Mrs R MacLean) M Robinson 5-11-3.

APPLETON (E Hirst) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0.

ARDCROMEY CHEEF (W Dore) D Gandolfo 4-11-0.

BURGLE MOGRY 14 (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 4-11-0.

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BORADAWRA (Mrs D Jenks) M Pipe 4-10-9.

CARDS AND KISSES (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-10-9.

PARKWAY EXPRESS (M Coles) B Stevens 4-10-9.

BETTING: 5-2 Appleton, 100-30 Boradawra, 11-2 Afterthought, 7-1 Tudor Orchid, 9-1 Rubins Boy, Uncle gy, 12-1 Amerikosp, 16-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

Course specialists

PARKWAY EXPRESS (M. Coles) B Stevens 4-10-8.

TRAINERS

5.10 FLYERS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,360: 2m) (19 runners)

roff, 6-1 Pendennis, 10-1 Highfre, 14-1 Artful Abbot, 16-1 General

ter Hobbe ... T Wall

Alkinor Rex poised to retrieve losses on favoured ground

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

In selecting Vault (1.30), Romany King (2.0) and Alkinor Rex (2.30) to win the three televised races at Chepstow today, I am staying loyal to horses that I napped to win last time out but who, for one reason or another, failed to run up to expectations.

While conceding that making excuses for beaten horses is the quickest way to the poor house, I do think that Alkinor Rex deserves to be given another chance in the valuable Crown Berger Hurdle to confirm the excellent impression that he created at Windsor first time out when he won by 15 lengths.

On that occasion the ground was very soft, and that is a must as far as he is concerned. To the dismay of his trainer Merrick Francis and jockey Mark Richards, the going had dried out far too much by the time he came to contest his next race at Kempton. In the circumstances, he still ran well to finish third behind Stratford Ponds and Gaasid.

liking again this afternoon, judged the Alkinor Rex is napped to pick and fallen. up the winning thread.

But with the redoubtable Jenny Pitman saddling both Ri-Na-Rithann and Run To

. Form, he will have to be at his ~ very best to do it. Nor are they the only dangers. Mistral Story ran a race

Mark Richards: teams up again with Alkinor Rex that was brimful of promise out, while former Flat racer Belmoredean could run a big race on this his jumping

A win for the ex-Irish mare Megabucks, though, would entail a big turnaround on her Kempton form with Alkinor Rex.

Vault is taken to win the Swish Hurdle in the belief that With the ground at similar race at Newbury last who were all behind. Chepstow certain to be to his Saturday had he not mis-

looks a good bet to retrieve the

Winning the Amdega Nov- Kempton just after Christmas.

many King would give Toby Balding's young jockey Richard Guest a much-needed shot in the arm just four days before his coveted ride on Beech Road in the Champion

After he had been beaten on Romany King at Ludlow nine days ago, Guest came in for a fair amount of criticism from a body of professional opinion which considered that he had lain too far out of his ground and ridden an ill-judged race. Whatever the reason, Romany King was flying at the finish. At Sandown Park, those

who intend backing the Irish challenger Joyful Noise to win behind Forest Sun first time the William Hill Imperial Cup should be mindful of the fact that the ground will be much faster than anything that he has encountered for a long

It was heavy going when he was a close second to Deep Sensation in the Tote Gold Trophy last time. On that form alone, he certainly has nothing to fear from he would have won, or gone Afaristoun, Ambassador, very close to winning, a Rampallion or Moody Man,

In this instance, though, judged the second-last hurdle am more inclined to take a chance with Bradbury Star In the circumstances Vault who will love the fast going. The winner of four races in losses at the expense of Tri a row in the autumn, Brad-Folene and Gay Ruffian, who bury Star has enjoyed a well-were involved in a close finish deserved rest since being at Haydock back in beaten 21/2 lengths by the smart Cash Is King at

3.45 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES CHASE

3 8643 BEL COURSE 14 (C.F.O.S.) J McConnochie B-11-4 4 F-PP KOFFR 29 (3) F Yardiay B-11-4 P Richards 5 80-0 LORD IT OVER 16F (F) M Chapten 7-11-4 6 PAP CROGNAM STAR 10 (CO.F.) J Dooler 9-(1-3 W Monthand

4-5 Firm Price, 5-2 Bel Course, 6-1 Groghan Star, 12-1 neamenship, 16-1 Koffi, 33-1 others,

4.15 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,522: 2m 150yd) (17)

1 -160 AUSTHORPE SURSET 31 (C.D.J., G.S.) Idra R Whenton 6-12-0 J Callaghan 6-12-0.7 Cam 2 0110 FOUJITA 17 (D.F.G.S) Miss S Witon 5-11-9..... 3 P015 SHERWOOD GURNER 17 (D.BF,G,S) O Brens

4 1106 SKOLERN 43 (D.F.G) Mrs P Barlor 6-11-0. C Hembins 5 3313 HILL BEAGLE 22 (D.F.S) W City 10-10-11. R Beach (7) 6 8340 UMPAID MEMBER 21 (D.F.) P Blocking 6-10-7. D Togg 8 6438 MACARTHUR 21 (D.F.G) M W Easterly 5-10-7. Blooky 9 0041 MUSICAL MYSTERY 21 (D.F.G) M Avison 6-10-7.

15 2200 REEF PATRICK 10 (D.F). J Dooler 5-10-0 W Worthington 16 /60- UPTOWN RANDERS 400 (D.F) T Kersey 7-10-0 — 17 PPSD DAURTING. PROSPECT 58 (D.S) M Chapman 6-10-0

6-1 Foults, 13-2 Sherwood Gunner, 7-1 Musical Mystery,

4.45 FEDERATION BREWERY PALE ALE HANDICAP CHASE (23,947: 2m 4f) (4)

1 3211 WILBORY'S CLOWN 42 (CD.F.G.S) O Bretnen 12-11-10 M Bresnen 2 -0F3 JAUNTER 85 (D.G.S) W Holden 10-10-5... W Invites (3) 3 0540 COLONEL POPSIG 28 (F.S) Miss G Rices 8-10-0

4 3443 DURSTALL 57 (D.F.O.S) B Morgan 13-10-0 N Column Evens Vuirory's Clown, 6-4 Jaunter, 6-1 Dunetall, 20-1 ionel Popald.

5.15 FINNINGLEY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

3-8 COSSLERS CROSS 52 R Peacock 5-11-5

Sery Lyons (S)

25 POP ABROAD 22 P Bevan 5-11-5

ASARGAR Mrs G Jones 4-11-2

Bit C Facrell (7)

COLONAL LORD Mrs S Bransil 4-11-2 lint C Facrell (7)

8 KEL-YCROFT 7 N Bycrolt 4-11-2

Barnard (5)

LAKIMON 32 Mrs E Heath 4-11-2

P Barnard (5)

ZACTOO 6 Precce 4-11-2

A Juckes (7)

EASTER LASS Mrs A Reschill 4-10-11

J Resilion (3)

PERENNELLA T SN 4-10-11

J Resilion (3)

SASKIA'S PRIDE J Bottominy 4-10-11

I Tourney Cast. 5-1 Coloning 4-10-11

A Jones (8)

2-1 Tommy Owt, 5-1 Cobblers Cross, 6-1 Pop Abroad, 6-1 unterson, 10-1 Colonial Lord, Learned Star, 12-1 others.

Course specialists TRAMERS: J Edwards, 9 winners from 38 maners, 23.7%; O Brennan, 4 from 26, 15.4%. (Only qualifiers).

(£1,696: 2m 150yd) (15)

1 4172 FIRM PRICE 29 (CD.F.O) J Edwards 9-11-8. 2 4146 GAMESMANSHP 21 (D,G) R Harrop 9-11-8.

460P WISCONSEN 7 (F) M Chapman 6-10-13....

(Qualifier: £2,758: 3m 122yd) (7)

DONCASTER

Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Fiery Sun. 2.45 Master Eryl. 3.15 Babil. 3.45 Firm Price. 4.15 Austhorpe Sunset. 4.45 Vul-Brian Beel's selection: 2.45 Some Obligation.

Going: good to firm (chase course), good (burdles) 2.15 FEDERATION BREWERY LEGEND LA SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,772: 2m 150yd)



-2.45 FEDERATION BREWERY SPECIAL ALE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,900: 3m 122yd)

1 169- TARTEVE 201 (D.F.S) Mej M Sample 12-12-2 [Mej M Sample (7) Mej M Sa

3.15 FEDERATION BREWERY LEGEND BITTER
NOVICES HURDLE (E2,192: 2m 4f) (22)

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٠.	8	200	KARAKTER REFERENCE 53 (F) L Corbet 8-11-0
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	8	00-8	MARRIERS LAW 28 Mass G Reps 7-11-0 W Worthingto
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_	44	-	PRINCE CELTIC 8 (B) W Clay 6-11-0
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•	12	0-02	RYTON BUSH 22 (BF) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 V Smith (
•	13	77.5	37
	14	534-	TAFTAZAM 287F R Holder 5-11-0
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	**		FIRST LORD 65 Mrs V Aconiey 4-10-5 J Coricell (7
	12		Chest proved the Augusta Line - Constant in
	ıΆ		MO ICH DO 19 Miss S Wilton 4-10-5
	20	4453	MR DORMOUSE 18 (V) C W C Every 4-10-5 S Keightie
	21	6341	DONNA DEL LAGO 89 (F) T Casey 4-10-0
_			J A McCarthy (7
	99	-	DEDCIA 7 D Division 4.10.0

2-1 Babit, 4-1 General Highway, 6-1 Calmostie, 10-1 Mr ormouse, 12-1 Yacht Club, 14-1 Into The Red, 18-1 others.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections By Mandarin

1.40 Premier Dance. 2.10 Bronze Cross. 2.40 Langtry Lady. 3.10 Bifocal. 3.40 Go Dutch. 4.10 "Altobelli.

.Going: standard "Draw: 71-1m, low numbers best

1.40 ASPINALL'S CURZON CLUB MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,499: 1m) (12)

... M Hersehi (8) 1 R P Ellott 7 ** ART THE WALL SW Hastings-Base 9-0 Does McKnown 11

8 33-2 PREMIER DANCE 9D Haydn Jones 9-0 J Williams 12

9 4 TYMAN PRINCE 285 F Cole 9-0 T Carlon 5

10 LINITICED J Hills 9-0 N Penny (7) 2

11 50-3 FALLOW DEER 23 B Hills 8-9 N Health (7) 6

12 4-3 LADY GREENVILE 16 M Uster 8-9 A Whitehall 10

3-1 Fallow Deer 4-1 Carolin Califor 5-1 3-1 Fallow Deer, 4-1 Gentin Satin, 5-1 Premier Dance, 6-1 Linte Big, 7-1 Kings Alderman, 8-1 Tyrian Prince, 10-1 others.

3 reart SUPREME BLUES 7 (8,0) M British 4-9-2 5 Molomay (5) 14 4 -222 TAMDEER 16 (0,5) W O'Gorman 4-9-2 A Minuso (3)-5 5 0032 COURT ME OUT 9 (8,00,5) R Hoad 5-9-1 8 Walsworth 8 6 09-1 MAJOR JACKO 122 (0,6) R Hannon 7-9-0 R Parham (7) 6 7 St-4 JUST JENNINGS 9 (F) D Haydin Jones 5-8-12

13 8-45 SHOW WONDER 5 P Howing 4-8-7 W Newman 7 14 0000 RET OLIVER 12 D Jerrey 7-8-5 S Wood (5) 4 15 420 MRSS KULPATHICK 12 D Jerrey 4-9-5 M Admins 10 16 004 SESTER CHERYL 6 (F) R Front 5-8-6 M Heart (7) 2 7-2 Bronze Cross, 9-2 Takdeer, 5-1 Just Jennings, 6-1 for Jacko, 8-1 Supreme Blues, 10-1 Cros Bay, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERRS: M Johnston, 3 winners from 11 numers, 27.3%; R Boss, 13 from 50, 26.0%; W O'Corman, 9 from 36, 23.7%; J .- Scarge, 4 from 17, 23.5%; C C Essy, 3 from 15, 20.0%; R O'Sulliven, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: Gary Lyons, 3 winners from 17 rides, 17.8%; R Marley, 4 from 27, 14.8%. (Only qualifiers). 2.40 ASPINALL'S CURZON CLUB & BARRACUDA CLUB HANDICAP (E5,071: 1m) (11)

1 1111 MERSEYSIDE MAN 14 (V,CD,F) J Scarge 4-10-0 M Guillians (5) 8 4 3321 RAPPORTELR 4 (C) C Essy 4-9-7 (Sec), S Wood (S) 10 5 329- TAUBER 86 (C,F,Q,B) Par Microel 6-9-6 8 3-25 CONCIDENTAL 49 (C.F.Q.S) D Monte 8-9-8

7 4963 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 7 (B.CD.F.G.S.) A Balloy 7-8-2 finalogy Tourn (7) 1 8 3226 PAYVASHOOZ 7 (F.S.) M Britten 5-9-0 S Minisony (S) 9 9 400 ALBERT'S WAY OUT 157 (S) S Dow 4-7-11 C Camp 10 000-0 GO RABALL GO 65 (Y,F,G) C Alien 47-10 F No 11 800-3 LONDON STANDARD 9 P Mitchell 5-7-7..... 7-2 Merseyside Man, 4-1 Langey Lady, 5-1 Rapportsur, 6-psysshooz, 7-1 Beachwood Cottage, 8-1 others.

3.10 TOMMY LLOYD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,453: tm 2f) (11) 1 1 PRIOR CHARGE 23 (C) Pat Mitchell 9-7 Little Big, 7-1 Kings Alderman, 8-1 Tyrian Princs, 10-1 others.
4-1 Bifocal, 9-2 Werm Feeling, 5-1 Mathema, 6-1 Lingfield
Lass, 8-1 Kildonen, Marjons Boy, 9-1 Prior Charge, 10-1 others.
3-40 BARRACUDA CLUB HANDICAP (23,184: 71)

1 3132 SOLOMON'S 90NG 2 (CD,F,S) M Johnston 4-8-10 R P Elliott 2 2 4161 MY PAL POPEYE 9 (C,F) P Mitchell 5-9-6 8 O'German (5) 1

6 3224 LOOTING 9 (C.BF.F.G) R O'Sollivan 4-8-12

7 352- KNESTES GRIL 228 (S) D Heydn Jones 3-8-7 J Williams 1 8 6243 SMALL FEE 2 (S) M Britain 5-8-7. S Molecusy (S) 8 9 4015 CHAMPION GRIL 3 (B,F) A Belley 4-8-0 Weady Bucton (7) 9 10 3339 MACKPORTH 18 (C,D,F) J Belley 4-8-0 T Quinn 12 11 00-0 FREDURE'S STAR 39 (D,F) R Bernett 3-7-12 S Wood (5) 7 Colons 5 3-1 My Pel Popeye, 4-1 Go Dutch, 6-1 Small Fee, 7-1 Grey Rum, 8-1 Al Sharry, 10-1 Solomon's Song, 12-1 coners.

4.10 PAUL BATES HANDICAP (\$2,469: 1m 5f) (10) 1 0-41 RESIGNAE BEAT 9 (C.F.) I CEPTOES 5-10-8 M Fry 1 2 029- MONSER 122 M Riyan 6-9-7 J Riyan 6-9-4 3 422 CATHOS 9 (B.BF.S) J Old 5-9-6 B Raymond 5 4 5-90 ARROW DANCER 9 R O'Sullivan 4-9-4 5 454 SREPLY SWELL 121 (8) John Fiz Grad 4-9-0 R Hills 2 5 5121 ALTORELLI 9 (C.F) F Michael 6-9-11 S (7 German (5) 3 7 100- DUAL CAPACITY 136 (F,6) W Hauston 6-8-7

9 -300 TROJAN DEBUT 9 M Ryan 4-7-7 Campbell (7) 19
9 -300 TROJAN DEBUT 9 M Ryan 4-7-7 F Nortea (7) 7
10 00-0 R YING ROOFER 9 J Roberts 4-7-7 S Maloney (5) 6
11-4 Reggne Bellit, 3-1 Allohellt, 4-1 Cathos, 6-1 Simply Swell, 7-1 Duel Capacity, 10-1 Trojan Debut, 14-1 others.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections By Mandarin

2.00 Springholm. 2.30 Swift Waters. 3.00 Wonder Bee. 3.35 Baies.

4.10 Bradbury Star. 4.40 Cokenny Boy. 5.10 Appleton.

By Michael Seely 2.30 Swift Waters. 4.10 JOYFUL NOISE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 JOYFUL NOISE.

Guide to our in-line racecard

113143 GOOD TIMES 19 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Half 12-0...

Going: good to firm (chase course); good, back straight good to

2.0 DICK McCREERY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,031: 2m 18yd) (6 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Ringmore, 3-1 Kilbrittain Castle, 9-2 Springholm, Ameri King, 6-1 Eight Springs, 25-1 Ohill

1900: KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 13-11-8 G Oxloy (4-7 fee) F Webeyn 8 fee

2.30 SELECT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,601: 2m) (6 runners) 331 SWFT WATERS 9 (0.8) (he's E Hitchins) hira J Pitmen 11-10... 6102 SAGAMAN 15 (D.G) (N Bayer) L Codd 11-7 6121 PUNCHEAG 24 (5) (hisbard Animal Feed Supplements Ltd) G 45300 RYCHRICH 30 (J Joseph J Joseph 10-8... 5390 BOLD CHOICE 14 (J Joseph J Joseph 10-8... \$330 BOLD CHOICE 14 (J.Joseph) J.J. \$48P2 FAMILLE 33 (D MB) D Sell 10-0. z: Fanille 9-11.

INSTITUTO: 15-8 Swift Waters, 9-4 Punchibeg, 4-1 Mycharch, 15-2 Bold Choice, 12-1 Segamen, 16-1 Fem 1989: DEEP SENSATION 4-11-12 R Rowe (5-2 fev) J Gifford 12 ran 3.0 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP HURDLE (Ameteurs: £3,670: 2m) (10

1988: OUT OF RANGE 6-11-3 D Naylor-Layland (6-1) D Elsworth 11 res

ways prominent. In our of it to be because it alone is anotice. hardle at Leicester [2m, good to soft]. WESTMANS WAGON 15%1 3rd to Thus Gold in a handlesp at Notingham (2m, soft). Previously 2%1 2nd to Gurtsen Boy in similar race at Haydook (2m, soft). DONOSTI will need to step up on 15: 5th to Operatic Score at Fatenham (2n 50yd, good). Selection: WESTMANS WAGON

3.35 FOOD BROKERS ROYAL GAME HANDICAP CHASE (£4,408: 3m

97 p: Memberson 9-7, Annette's Venture 9-3. BETTING: 94 Bales, 11-4 Swardean, 5-1 Sneekapenny, 6-1 Tarconey, 15-2 Door Latch, 12-1 Member-

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

FIGHTING WORDS (Pel-meil Partners) J Gifford 11-3 E Murphy
6101 FISTFUL OF BUCKS 19 (D.S.) (T Dyer) C Weedon 11-3 D J Burchell
21222 GAY RUFFAM 7 (D.G.S.) (F Jones) D Burchell 11-3 D J Burchell
1222 REGAL LAKE 33 (D.S) (Pletfrum Racing) Mrs J Pitmen 11-3 M Pitmen
6330 NOUVAN 14 (Darfam Racing) R Simpson 11-3 W Mooth
642313 SHARPOUN 49 (D.S) (V Young) V Young 11-3 J Absterst
P1112F SLEEPLINE ROYALE 2 (D.B.F.Q.S) (Steepline Holdings) R Holder 11-3 N Minns (5)
4F VAILT 7 (BF) (Mrs C Heeth) O Sherwood 11-3 D Obsorne
111 TRI FOLENE 106 (D.F.G.S) (Pipe Scudemore Recing Pic) M Pipe 10-12 P Scademore
RETTING 15-5 Gave Ruffan 5-2 Tri Folene 5-1 Sanat I sine 2-1 United 40 4 Planning Decision

BETTING: 15-8 Gay Rufflan, 5-2 Tri Folane, 5-1 Regal Lake, 8-1 Vault, 10-1 Sleepline Royale, 12-1

1989: FETCHAM PARK 4-11-3 P Scudemore (8-15 fee) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS FISTFUL OF BUCKS | (2m, good) and runner up to Stone Fisite when bester Poler Vision 8 in a Fontwell claimer (2m 21, soft). GAY RUFFAN crediable 42 and to Royal Derbi at Hereford (2m, soft); previously 8 2nd to Siver (3m, soft); previously 8 2nd to

2.0 AMDEGA NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (E4,207: 2m 4f) (13

2.30 ALKINOR REX (nap).

1.30 SWISH HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,386: 2m) (9 runners)

1.30 Vault.

Going: soft (heavy patches)

FORM FOCUS BAIES one-paced 6%! Att to Cool Ground in the Anthony Midmay, Peter Cazziet Memorial Chase here (3m 5f 19xd, good), with TARCONEY and no extra close tone (3m 5f 19xd, good), with TARCONEY to better off) 15f 5th. Previously ran well on seasonal reappearance to best The Thinker sh hd at Haydock (3m, good to soft), with TARCONEY to the Well-Busher off) 29f 5th.

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1988: MEMBERSON 11-11-3 R Dunwoody (6-1) P Dulosee 5 car

3.00 Hope Diamond.

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E Murphy — .. A Webb 80

P Scudemore
H Davise

. S Cowley . A Adams

2.30 CROWN BERGER HURDLE RACE (Listed race: 5-Y-O: £13,500:

113PD1 DISTANT RELATION 15 (B,D,G) (D Ba sa) K Cunni

FORM FOCUS ALKINOR REX 5I 3rd of 19 to Stratford of 19 to Stratford Ponds in a Kempton listed event (2m, good) with Rempton (2m, good). RI-NIA-RITHAMN best East Ponds in a Kempton listed event (2m, good) with River a head at Warwick (2m, good to firm). RIVN 8I 4th of 21 to City Comment at Carlele (2m 11 110yd, good); earlier best Burnt Fingers SI at Bangor (2m 4t, sott). To Foreign comfortably best Smiths Venture 1DI at 110yd, good); earlier best Burnt Fingers SI at Bangor (2m 4t, sott).

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JOCKEYS

3.0 ARERGAVENNY HANDICAP CHASE (£3.003; 2m 4f) (12 runners) O ABE-RIGAVENNY HANDICAP CHASE (23, JUS: 2IT 41) (12 TURINETS)

041/64P BLUE DART 16 (D.BF.Q.S) (I Padised) T Forster 10-12-0.

FR832 RUSTSTONE 7 (D.Q.S) (R Brown) R Brown 10-11-13.

3 812-150 ETON ROUGE 48 (C.D.S) (Mrs B Jenks) S Christian 11-11-11.

3 12-150 ETON ROUGE 48 (C.D.S) (Mrs B Jenks) S Christian 11-11-11.

5 11064/ THE HACIENDEROS 850 (D.Q.S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 11-11-4.

5 11064/ THE HACIENDEROS 850 (D.Q.S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 11-11-4.

6 11P-422 URICOL 70 (SF.S) (D Mullen) S Melior 9-10-13.

7 221-133 HOPE DAMOND 21 (B.S) (CSA (Horsenscing 1988) Ltd) N Geselee 7-10-13.

8 F/044P-5 HOPE END 14 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs Y Alisop) Mrs H Parrott 12-10-10.

R B 1 112/P40 PROBLEM CHALD 23 (D.Q.S) (Arrity Finance Ltd) R Simpson 7-10-4.

11 PO-F330 MARY HAT 5 (S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 7-10-0.

E PF-P388 Sir WAGIER 40 (B.Q.S.) (I Horsewood) Mrs L City 9-10-0.

III Long hendican: Halry Hat 9-9, Sir Wager 9-7.

Long handloap: Hairy Hat 9-9, Sir Wager 9-7. BETTING: 3-1 Unicol, 9-2 Hope Dismond, 5-1 Ruststone, 6-1 Zeta's Lad, 13-2 Blue Dart, 10-1 The clenderos, 16-1 others. 1989: DIS TRAIN 5-11-5 M Pitman (4-1) Mrs J Pitman 6 ren

3.30 MONMOUTH NOVICES CHASE (£2,641: 3m) (16 runners)

1 2-21412 SIGNMHILL 14 (B.F.Q.S) (Ars T Binnington) T Thomson Jones 6-11-9
2 4P-812P SOLD LAMENT 17 (G.S) (Lord Swaything) N Henderson 9-11-5
3 P2-95P2 SRONZE EFFIGY 25 (G.S) (Lord Swaything) N Henderson 9-11-5
4 3310p0 - CATHERINES PAL SOT (G.S) (D Winds) D Wintin 9-11-3
5 005-1F CORRISCATE 17 (G) (H Joe) J Gillord 9-11-3
6 08-P00 CURRY EXPRESS 16 (P Dogurel) R Hodges 7-11-3
7 26P OBIGLE JACK 68 (R Shail, R Shail 6-11-3
1 1/130-PF EVER HOPERR. 15 (P) (M Pedidisci) D Serons 6-11-3
9 0829FP HALMAJOR 25 (BF,Q.S) (I Young) G Belding 9-11-3
10 42224 BIAMORAXI SHUFFLE 15 (B) (Ars. J Dibben) O Sherwood 8-11-3 H Davies 85 J White 96 L Harvey 94 16 3-252F5 PROVIDENCE LODGE 25 (B,G,S) (C Bird H) F Walnyin 8-10-12... BETTING: 5-2 Bold Lament, 4-1 Skinnhill, 5-1 Halmajor, 11-2 Mandraki Shuttle, 6-1 Corusci Hopeful, 12-1 Providence Lodge, 20-1 others.

1989: SUFFOLK DOWNS 7-11-3 S McNett (10-1) J Old 6 ran 4.0 AVONMOUTH HANDICAP HURDLE (52,616: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 P31/006 NONE TOO DEAR 15 (V.D.G.) (Perseverance Group) G Balding 8-11-10... 2 10-0663 THE GAELCHARM 49 (5) (Mrs W Tuffoch) C Brooks 6-11-8... 2 16-0053 The GALLCHARD was (in the Windows) C Brooks 6-11-5.
4 50P2P/ NOSLE VIKING 669 (F) (S Shefres) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4.
5 0022-12 MOLY JOE 17 (3) (T Pitington) A J Wilson 8-11-1.
6 P095-PP DAYBUS TREASURE 47 (8,5) (T Reggett) Mrs N Sharpe 10-10-1.
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From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

The Queen's Starlet (Gay Guiguard) and Bashful Boy (John Reid) represent William Hastings-Bass in the Grand Prix du Conseil General des Alpes Maritimes at Cagnes-sur-Mer

Starlet has good prospects of landing the blue riband event of the meeting but recent heavy rain will not help her cause. second, third and fourth, Our Account, Kaid Pous and Debordant, on a line through Papano, but it remains to be

seen if she can handle the soft ground. Bashful Boy is improving and was a good second recently in the Prix d'Eze. He can make his presence felt though may lack the necessary pace to win a prize of this nature.

Akimbo chases a treble in the Prix Policeman earlier in the afternoon and the Charlie Nelson colt should again heat Bine de Valois. Stable companion Donble, Encore was a disappointing eighth in yesterday's Prix Dufy behind 18-1 winner Kadanchou.

France's champion trainer Andre Fa-bre opened his account at Evry yesterday with his first runner of the season. The Cash Assurasen-ridden Broad Story, owned by Khaled Abdulla, won the Prix du Parc de Torelles by 1½ lengths from Heart Noble. Jean-Marie Beguigne spoke enthu-siastically about his Rosom Derby hope, Blen de France. He said: "He has not

gone into full work yet but looks wonderful. His seasonal debut will be in the Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp on April 22." Bookmakers William Hill, now part of

Bookmakers William Hill, now part of Brent Walker, confirmed yesterday that the Imperial Cup at Sandown today will run in their name for the last time. The race has been sponsored by the betting chain for the past 17 years, but its proximity to the Cheltenham festival helped persuade the company's previous management to pull out.

Thus the past 17 years, but its

ment to pull out. Hills will increase its contribution to formerly the Mecca Hurdle, at Sandown

A multitude of racy memories



Mercy Rimell is a formidable woman who has spent a lifetime with horses. At seven, she was an international child rider; at 70,

she was still a leading National Hunt trainer. She is the widow of Fred

Rimell, who was four times a champion jockey, champion trainer, and trainer of a record four Grand

National winners at Aintree. Her views about jockeys and horses are as

strong as ever and to be respected

ockeys ride different types of races now than they used to. These last seasons, we have seen Peter Scudamore riding a tremendous lot from the front. He has made the running on most of his winners. Whether those are his instructions or not, I cannot tell, but he has certainly ridden more races from the front than any other champion jockey.

We never gave detailed orders at Kinnersley. Terry Biddlecombe Scudamore rode quite a lot of winners for me over the years, and I don't think I ever gave him any

You say to them something like: "This one always likes to be up there" or "This horse wants dropping out. Give him a chance and he will find a fair bit of speed at the finish."

That's what you pay a jockey for for him to use his head. You either say: "He stays very well and you can make plenty use of him" or "He barely gets the trip." You do not tie them down with a multitude of orders.

Very often, the way jockeys ride is an expression of their characters. Fred Winter's great strength was his strength. He was a very good jockey but - and comparisons are odious - he never struck me as quite the best I have known. John Francome was also a very tine rider. everyone who rode for us honest

Richard Linley I liked very much, an exemplary horseman and intelligent. His four years with me proved a most satisfactory partnership for him, for me and for Sheikh Ali. I suppose Richard wasn't the most forceful in the world, and I always thought that he didn't quite ride into the last as well as he might have done. But he gave a horse a beautiful ride and got results.

Sam Morshead was not one of our best by any means. He was a bit wild but brave - perhaps a bit too brave, for he was apt to unbalance the horse.

John Burke, the son of a schoolmaster in County Meath, was altogether different - an excellent rider and horseman, with beautiful hands, who won a lot of big ones for us. He succeeded Ken White, who had won a Champion Hurdle for us.

Like Burke, Ken could ride at an extremely light weight and was a most sympathetic rider, neither of them would ever knock a horse about. But Ken never had the flair of Terry Biddlecombe.

Now, Terry had all the flair, all the charisma, in the world. He won more races for us. which he shouldn't have won, than races he lost. I cannot say higher than that.

omedy of Errors was fabu-

lous, the best horse we ever

weight and his life-style. Sometimes, I think, he didn't get much sleep the night before a big race.

To say Terry was flamboyant would be an understatement. But, in his heyday, he was terrific. He had courage and balance - his main assets. His great downfall was the fact that he was a playboy.

We once went to run Robert Sangster's Sunny Lad in the Norwegian Grand National, flying to Oslo in one of the Sangster planes. We were entertained well so, the night before the race, we decided to lock Terry in his bedroom. Chris, Robert's first wife, even jammed a chair under the door handle.

But Terry was resourceful ... half an hour later, when we checked, he had escaped through the window, crawling along the sill and climbing into another room. God knows what time he returned! He probably stayed out all night. Sunny Lad finished third. Pos-

sibly, he should have won, for he carried six or eight pounds over-weight owing to the excesses of the revious night!

Terry was amazing. Fred always said that Terry simply did not know how to make a horse ready or how to put a set of tack on. He would just get on a horse and that was that. Whenever Terry was injured, Fred would ask him to come over and work in the yard to never came.

One Boxing Day, we had two runners - Charlie Lad and Impact, a little grey. I was despatched to Newton Abbot with them and I drove down with Terry, who had obviously had a night out. All the way down, he moaned, groaned and grumbled or slept, and I drove. It was snowing and I kept thinking: "We'll get there and it'll be abandoned.

We felt both horses would win, and both owners liked a bet. It was still snowing when we reached the paddock for the first race, and Terry looked very sour. I said to him: "You will win and make no mistake about it. Out of the gate and always up there!" He did.

He came out to ride the grey, and I said: "This will win easier It did. So, coming back, Terry was all smiles. "I'll drive," he said. That was Terry all over - down one minute, up the next.

At his best, there was no better rider. He was a tremendous opportunist. His good races far outnumbered the few duff ones. He should have won a second National on Gay Trip in 1972.

That was not one of his better efforts. Stuck on the outside all way around, and then beaten two lengths when he must have given away 30! And we were giving 22 pounds to the winner, Well To Do.



home a lot of winners for us -

Comedy of Errors, a second

Champion Hurdle in 1975, and a

Mackeson Gold Cup on Chatham

in 1970, for instance. It was an

automatic transition; I don't know

how we got carried away with Bill

Ken managed Comedy very

well. He was so light he could do

9st 8lb, and Comedy was massive.

with him. I was always terribly

pleased that Ken did, in the end,

ride a Champion Hurdle winner

because he had always been rather

'second" in all ways. It was very

John Burke followed Ken, and

was certainly the second best

jockey we ever had. Terry was the

best, with John running a close

He came from Ireland, when he

was 17, to ride as an amateur. He

rode in some point-to-points and

gradually progressed to Rules. Nobody but John would have won

the Grand National on Rag Trade.

Rag Trade was such a poor jumper

that, after John Francome rode him the year before, he said: "That

is the most horrible horse I've ever

rewarding for everybody that he

rode him when he won.

Horse and jockeys: Nicolaus Silver (above), ridden by Bobby riders. For him, a horse wasn't just a machine, a means to an end. He second to Terry, and had brought

Beasley and trained by Fred Rimell, is led in after winning the 1961 Grand National. The Rimell riders (clockwise), Terry the playboy with Burke, the Irishman with beautiful hands: and Richard

Linley, the exemplary borseman who ont results Impossible, But Terry made fewer mistakes than most, and won a lot

of races others wouldn't have. Fearless Fred, for instance, was a desperate jumper but won 21 races. Terry used to ride him, and I don't know how he survived.

Bill Smith was Terry's exact opposite. I never ever got on with him — as a man or a jockey — though be won us a Champion Hurdle and a Triumph Hurdle. Terry was a complete extrovert, Bill the reverse. We never saw eye to eye. I was used to the open Biddlecombe way. Terry would always say what he thought and you could have fun with him. Not with Bill Smith. He didn't do anything wrong when he was for a horse than any other of our

riding for us, but his character just didn't fit. When he left, it was a perfectly amicable end to the relationship. He had become friendly with the Walwyns, and

We had a lot of horses in those well as admire their ability.

they offered him a retainer. He told Fred: "I'd like to accept." I don't think Fred was sorry to see him go. We were used to the

open Biddlecombe way, and he was a very hard act to follow. After eight or nine years, you build a close association with your rider. days, and you see an awful lot of your jockey. You want to respect them and be friendly with them as

ridden. I'll never ride him again." Ken White had more sympathy That says a lot for John Burke.

his head, I am afraid. He had a bit of a problem with the drinking; he disappeared out of the game. We didn't part with him, he parted with us, but he was a marvellous horseman who lost his way.

Bobby Beasley was a good horseman but was extremely temperamental and would get frightfully depressed. If things weren't going well, he was terribly pessimistic. Never what you would call a cheery soul. He did ride a tremendous number of winners although not so many for us because, the season he was with us, we didn't have the best of

obby didn't really want to ride Nicolaus some Irish horse. But we had engaged him, and said: "No, you've got to stick." Anyway, he won the National, but he was difficult and so temperamental that he took far more controlling than our owners!

At that time, we had badly wanted Stan Mellor as stable jockey. But he took so long thinking about the offer that, by the time he rang to say: "Yes, I'll Yet he got on wonderfully well take the job", we had engaged Beasley. Fred, being Fred, wouldn't go back on his word. It was most unfortunate because we got on well with Stan and it would. I am sure, have been a much happier relationship.

If you go back to the Dave Dick days, modern jockeys ride very much shorter. See a picture of Dave riding ESB, when he won the 1956 National for us, and he is riding almost hunting length. My lasting memory of somebody rid-ing really short in the National, however, was Andy Turnell. He must have had wonderful balance

because he was a good rider but rode terrifically short. Good jockeys find the length at which they feel comfortable and ride it. Today, you have a good rider in Tom Morgan, who rides quite long compared with some of the others you see.

But Francome did not ride

frightfully short. Of all the jockeys have seen, I suppose I would have taken John as the best . . . a very good horseman and intelligent. Scudamore is a good rider, and gets results, but I don't think he is yet the most stylish.

The standard now is as high as it has been for years. "Scu" sets a perfect example - and not only as a jockey. He has beautiful manners, dresses neatly and does not let his hair fall over his shoulders. As a rider, I tend to put him in the Biddlecombe bracket because he thumps a bit on the back of the

Mi shorth

Claim for pr

It is nice to have a jockey intelligent and articulate enough to tell you something after a race. Funnily enough, the one who used to be the best at telling us about a horse was Tim Brookshaw, who rode for us for quite a few seasons.

He wasn't terribly stylish but he did ride winners. He was certainly intelligent - not only could he tell you about the horse he had ridden but about most of the others in the race, too. That is always quite

I do not approve of women jockeys except, of course, in pointto-points and hunter chases. Really, they're not the right make 3 or shape for it.

The conditional jockeys system is quite wrong at the moment. It should be limited by age. Why should a clever, hard-working boy. who went to university and acquired some qualifications for his later life, lose because he has less time to ride before he becomes "unconditional" at 25. That's a bad rule.

The conditions of bumper races are also bad. You need senior jockeys riding novice horses. Put a novice on a novice, and neither learns anything. I also found that the best race jockeys are not necessarily the best schooling jockeys. We had a good rider at Kinnersley, Trevor Heath, who never made the grade as a jockey yet was really excellent when it came to schooling at home.

Most jockeys do not like schooling. I gather Fred Winter loathed it. And my Fred, who was four times champion jockey, always used to say that you can know too much about a horse. He would rather get on a horse he had never ridden before and probably give it a far better ride. Horse are like a lot of things: you can know too much about them!

Comedy was my champion of Champions

had at Kinnersley. He won two Champion Hurdles, in 1973 and 1975, and was second in between. He met Sea Pigeon three times and beat him twice - and Sea Pigeon was a very, very good horse. Comedy was the best "Champion" I have seen in 52 years around the racing scene. They say they never come back. Comedy did, and that proves what a good horse he was. How many others have won a race like the Champion, been beaten the next year, then come out to

win it again? For a hurdler, he was massive - 17 was our biggest disappointment hands. But he was so beautifully made and so lovely to look at. I came up in the showing world and, he was so good looking, he would have won any middleweight hunter class. When we bought him as a four-yearold, his claim to fame was that he had

won two Flat races. He was by Goldhill, a sprinter, and the races he had won were over six or seven furlongs. He won the first time we ran him at Nottingham, and we took him next to Cheltenham. The one thing we had made up our minds about was that he wanted

were frightened he wouldn't get the trip. I don't know what Terry Biddlecombe had been doing the night before, but he really distinguished himself on the day. He went to the front at the top of the hill and was beaten a neck. Fred was furious. Cornedy should have won. I suppose that is why Terry never rode him again. Because he was so big. Comedy was

to be held up. He was sprint bred and we

was that big, he could get away with kicking a few hurdles out of the ground. In the 1974 Champion, the one he lost, Fred and I were not all that happy with Bill Smith's riding. We felt he should have won. People said Smith was caught napping. I think he played into Lanzarote's hands. Comedy had enormous speed but Bill did not ride him to use it. Richard Pitman stole a march on him and got first run down the hill ... we were never within striking distance. It

Comedy never really jumped fences. He had been a wonderful horse to us and. I may sound silly and sentimental, which I suppose you shouldn't be in racing, but we didn't want anything horrible to happen to him. So he retired when he was 10, and I had him as my hack for 10 loveiv years.

It was my mother, looking for a show horse, who found ESB. She saw him as an unbroken three-year-old and loved him. But he was slightly pigeon-toed, which would have ruled him out of showing. So we bought him for Rolly Oliver, father of Michael Oliver, who won the National with West Tip.

Then, he was sold to Leonard Carver, who trained ESB himself. He ran a lot of times but won only one small race - so, of course, went down the handicap. Finally, the horse came back to us - by then he was getting only 10st 7lb - and we won six races on the trot! ESB went on to win the National the



Three's company: Gay Trip, the 1970 Grand National winner, relaxes with friends

We must have lost 10 lengths at Valentine's when Jack Dowdeswell brought us, literally, to a halt. We got on terms by the last but, by then, the Queen Mother's horse was going away. Then, Devon Loch just ran out of oxygen, like you see marathon runners. We have always believed that

ways ocheved that.
"What a way to win a National," said

pleasure from it. When Fred tried to "Teazy-Weazy" Raymond, the hair-

sympathize with the Queen Mother, she said: "No, Mr Rimell. You won the National and that is it." She was marvellous, absolutely marvellous.

Gold Cup, and that was on ground be dresser, bought Rag Trade at public auction at Doncaster to win a National. Raymond bought him in February and ran him in the National at the end of

March. The next thing was that Teazy-Weazy rang Fred and asked if we would train him for the following year's race. Rag Trade looked a clumsy horse, and

was a clumsy horse, but he had quite a lot of ability. He won a Welsh National the year he won the Grand National, and he galloped through about three fences in that race and was still good enough to win. He was, therefore, a fully exposed horse when he went for the Grand National - he had his maximum weight. And he beat Red Rum.

Teazy-Weazy was a man I did not personally like. He had won the National previously with Ayala. He didn't really appreciate the fact that you had won it for him. And he was a mean man about presents for the lads and jockey.

We had four National winners, but always said our first "proper" one was Nicolaus Silver. We had more pleasure from that National than from any of our others. He was a beautiful horse and a

precision jumper. The year after he won the National, in 1961, he ran again when Kilmore won. I always thought that, had the ground been right in 1962, he would have won again. It was very heavy. He could not act on it at all. He hated it. Nicolaus Silver was beaten only by a head in the Whithread by Pas Seul, who won a Cheltenham

Both Fred and Lalways thought that Gay Trip should have won his second National in 1972. He was on the outside

all the way from going to Becher's second time. He gave lengths and lengths away - very much more than the distance he was beaten by. I think that Terry Biddlecombe, in his heart, thought so, too. Terry just had one of his off-days.

Gay Trip was a class horse, and class horses in those days usually won Nationals. Since then, people have used him as an example of the two-miler who can win a National. People say: "So-andso is a real Gay Trip type . . . " because he never won a three-mile race yet could stay 41/2 miles at Liverpool.

Gay Trip won two Mackesons and numerous two or 21/2-mile races, but he never won a three-mile chase. Before his National in 1970, we thought he was a very athletic little horse. Although he fell the first time out for us, he was a very good jumper.

We always thought that ESB didn't stay properly, although he won the National I don't think Gay Trip stayed but he had that bit of class about him and, in those days, the fences hadn't been modified. It was a much harder task to win a National then. Jumping was the name of the game.

Today, you have to have a horse that stays a lot better because the fences are that much easier and it is more of a race. Years ago, it was a jumping competition. That's the way I look at it, anyway." Today, your moderate 2½-mile horse wouldn't have the speed. I am sure I amright about that.

These are extracts from Reflections of Racing by Mercy Rimell, introduced edited by Ivor Herbert, published Pelham Books next week (£14.99).

Menosity mobility will keep them top

The McEwan's National League

reaches its climax today at the Greenyards where Melrose and Jed-forest face each other in what is virtually the championship decider. The postponement of the Stewart's-Melville v Melrose

match two weeks ago has, of course, changed the finality of today's clash and even if Melrose win this afternoon, they will still have the Inverleith club standing between them and a first ever first division title.

Melrose have looked poten. tial champions from an early stage in the season and go into today's match as the trile favourites, even though they will be without their experi-

enced loose-head prop, Tom not, however, been the hallmark of this Meirose side whose pack has excelled much more in the ruck and maul and in their mobility about the field. In

mobility about the field. In Doddie Weir and Carl Hogg they have more than useful lineout exponents and should gain the ascendancy in this area. Behind the scrum, Craig Chalmers should be able to dictate play, either with his high upand-under kicks or, as he showed against Stirling County, by releasing the ball to what is a very good back division in which the 19-year-old Graham Shiel, at inside centre, is such a key player.

key player. Melrose also have attacking options in Keith Robertson on the wing and the powerful Craig Redpath, who showed his place-kicking talents on Monday by putting over a penalty from his own 10 metre line.

Jed-Forest are perhaps the surprise of the season but those who are involved in the club will point to their youth policy as the key to this season's success That has brought on players like their centre, Andy Douglas, and their back row trio of Ron Kirkpatrick, Callum Brown and Kevin Armstrong, all capable of providing the impetus for

Craven wants single SA body shortly Dr Danie Craven, who was

Dr Danie Craven, who was elected yesterday for his 35th year as president of the South African Rugby Board (SARB), has called for a unified governing body in South African rugby vithin three months (David Hands writes)

The SARB hopes to create one non-political, non-racial organization by merging with the South African Rugby Union captain. Saracens prefer Tarbuck and Linley in the back row but are without the injured Kennedy (wing) and Rudling (stand-(SARU). Talks are still going on towards this aim but meanwhile Craven said that any union affiliated to the SARB that flouted official policy on integration should be barred. Rees is injured so Nottingham are without their four internationals: Kilford (full back). Taylor

He also told the annual meeting in Cape Town that the SARB should organize aid for the Romanian Rugby Federation as a way back into Europe.

Bedford look for answers as relegation looms large

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

A year ago, Bath were so far ahead of the field that they were able to clinch the Cour-Clubs Championship against Nottingham with two matches still to be played in the first division.

This season, the top of the table is much tighter, though Bath's one-point lead over Gloucester gives them the edge as the league elbows aside if only momentarily — the climax of the five nations' championship next week.

But, while clubs at the head of the three national divisions jostle for advantage, spare a thought for Bedford, who have seemed doomed for relegation back to the second division ever since their defeat by Saracens last September. This week, the top bar at

Goldington Koad was packed for a meeting to clear the air between the club's officers and concerned supporters.

As Bedford's situation has become gloomier and gloomier - two clubs have scored over 70 points against them in Army look to new recruits

Since winning their second successive inter-services champ-

successive inter-services champ-ionship last season, the Army

have undergone something of a purge: they will field seven players new to the champ-ionship at Twickenham this

afternoon when they play the Royal Navy for the Willis Faber

Trophy.
They have lost some leading

performers to civilian life, nota-bly Steele, the stand-off half and

goal-kicker, who has settled in so well with Northampton. In his place, Walker, the Bristol University student, makes his

first appearance alongside Tay-lor, with whom he has played for

Gloncester v Harlequins

Gloucester field Price on the wing in place of the injured Morgan but Harlequins will be without

the injured Wood (cantra) and Edwards (lock) as well as two England players, Carling and Ackford, Tupman and Langhorn replace the injured pair.

Rosslyn Park v Saracens

Henwood makes his first league appearance of the season

at hooker for Park, who have Tayler at No. 8 and Moon as

Nottingham v Bath

Back (flanker) play against a full-strength Bath.

First division

LEAGUE TABLES

Northampton...... London kish...... Lpool St Helens Coventry......... Richmond......

Both he and Simon Ingram,

chairman of the club's playing

committee, expounded their

views to the members, with

Snook, who is due to spend a

second year with Bedford, emphasizing the commitment required for first division

rugby, which may have come

"There is no doubt some of

as a shock to some of the

ton's Regissent); Sigt E Atkine (Royal Signata), Sigt/mat C Speciest (APTC), Lt S. Hopkin (King's Own Borderes), L/Cail D Bartelfff (Royal Signata); 2nd Lt M Walker (RAMC), Lt B Taylor (DWR); Bdr D Caughins (Royal Horse Arthroy), Lt J Caskey (Royal Irish Russpars), 2nd Lt A Ellery (RAMC), L/Cpt R Halson (RE), Stej B McCall (REME, capt), Lt R Castiston (ACC), L/Opi K Perfolation (REME), 2nd Lt

ROYAL NAVY: L. C. Aloock (Sephawit, capt); Lt M. Speakman (Broadsword), LWER B) D. Oakley (Collingwood, POMEA A Kellett (Brillent), L. S. Phillips (DNR London); S/L. B. Nichelas (RAE Famborough), LPT I Trappy (Newcastle); POW (WP) J. Histe (Nelson), L/C R. Joy (Dojchin), Cpl I Beven (CTCRIA), LPT I Reseal (Rabigin), Cpl S Tweeth (40 Cto RM), Mine R American (CTCRIA), Cpl J Brysst (40 Cto RM), Sgt M Resea (DNR London).

Northampton v Coventry

Alston plays No. 8 for the unavailable Rodber and Carr joins

unaversable Hooder and Cast Juli him in Northampton's back row,

hoping Woodrow will be fit to play centre. Coventry have Thomas at scrum haif.

Waterloo v Richmond

Brookman on the flank and

Cropper preferred for his goal-kicking and defence on the

Hackett makes a welcome return as Waterloo's hooker, with

ng. Richmond have four regu med and two more ineligible

Cardiff v Pontypool
Griffiths and Watidns return to
Cardiff's front row, with Collins at
flanker and Ring (centre) but
Hall is likely to be missing. Staff
Jones makes his first

suspension in Pontypool's front

so Morris comes into the centre and Smedley to the wing.

Other match

players this season.

the league, and one 60 - so schools," he said. It will help letters have flowed in from the in that respect that Ian Snook, membership. "A lot of people the coach from Taranaki, New have been disappointed, Zealand, has been helping the Cambridge University underthough no more than the

players and committee," Ken Phillips, the chairman, said. It was a deliberate move, therefore, to stage a meeting for members to voice their fears and the committee to expand on their approach. Phillips believes this has resulted in a healthier

"Our major difficulty is that we need a broader base from which to look for players. We need to expand our contacts with universities and for the demands of first di-

Scotland's under-21 side.
Bartcliff has played so well on the wing that he keeps out Wheatley, of Moseley, while Rodber forsakes league duties with Northampton to play at No. 8 in a pack led by McCall, the former Ireland lock, who is in his last seeson.

The Navy, left holding the

wooden spoon last season, are unbeaten in their warm-up

games since Christmas, Alcock,

who is also Cornwall's full back,

will lead them yet again for a match which, judging by ticket

sales, will attract more than last

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Skristol are without injured locks

pagarante and son, whee woodman comes in for Thillet, the French wing who has a damaged hamstring. Rory Underwood plays for Laicester, who give tests to Wells (flanker) and Kardooni (scrum half).

Lol St Helens v Blackhth

Morris has recovered from fluto play scrum half for Liverpool. Wellens's return to the control of the control o

Wellens's return means
Mecklaughton moves to the wing.
Scott leads Blackheath from full
back because Fentry is injured:
Clarke hooks with Slater and
Smith in midfleid

Howard returns to Rugby's wing but Vaudin is not yet eligible for league matches and Gilloolly plays full back. The Irish are weekened by reasonable to the return of the research to the research that the research the research that the

year's crowd of 10,000.

Bristol v Leicester

Blackmore and Stiff, while

Second division

Rugby v London Irish

Egan, O'Hara and Gibson

naking up the back row.

in his last season

enough. But our members. quite naturally, wanted assurances that we are getting to grips with the problems.

"It's fair to say that we are not yet down, though I admit we have three hard games left with Wasps, Bristol and Rosslyn Park."

The first of those, at home to Wasps today, sees Harris restored to Bedford's back row, where he will oppose Burroughs, the former England colt who is making his league debut.

But Wasps have the advantage of their three internationals - Andrew, Rendall and Probyn - and remain hopeful that, if either Bath or Gloucester slip up ahead of them, they will be able to take advantage. A wistful hope. Victory for London Scot-

tish, who are without two of their three internationals. White and Burnell, at Roundhay, will confirm their emergence from the third

Norling in sight of record

Even during their present trough Even during their present trough Welsh rugby may claim one of the world's best in Clive Norling, their leading referee, who will take his tally of internationals to 23 when he handles two of Australia's three games against France during the summer (David Hands writes).

That will match the record of

finals next month; capacity at the Arms Park for Norting's tie, between Neath and Swansea, has been cut to 32,000 and it will

But Brian Nicholas, coach to Bridgend, who meet Aberavon in the other semi-final, believes that the other tie is receiving favoured-club status: "The four teams should be given equal treatment and I don't think they should have a semi-final at the Arms Park," he said. "It devalues the final and that staequivalent to Wembley, should be left to stage only the final."

1986. After a couple of years of ever, doubts whether there is consultations the civil servants one.

wynne Walters (Wales) and Kevin Kelleher (Ireland). Noring is also to referee the Schweppes Welsh Cup final, in Cardiff on May 5, for the fourth time and Les Peard, his inter national-panel colleague, will be joined by Gareth Simmonds in Japan next month for the World Cup qualifying matches in the Asian-Pacific group.

Norting and Derek Bevan, who handled Japan's inter-national with Fiji last weekend, will officiate in the cup semikick off at 2pm, with Cardiff's game with Nottingham two hours later. read up the reports on the subject (Hunter, 1964; Bledisloe, 1961; Maconocie, 1949) and produced a Bill that would stop black market dealings in salmon in Scotland by having a system of registered dealers. When it was pointed out to the Government that to suply



ICE SKATING

Champion's applause: Browning returns the crowd's ovation

Five years ago the Government announced, rather naively, that it was going to "outlaw" salmon poaching; naively because it had already been outlawed by William the Conqueror. However, we know what was menut and the intention me seed if the

application was not quite so good.

The civil servants got to work.

read up the reports on the

to the Government that to apply it only to Scotland was illogical,

they agreed to extend the idea to England and Wales.

Dealer licensing, therefore,

Nightmare

has dream finish for **Browning**

From John Hennessy, Halifax, Nova Scotia

It all came right in the end for Kurt Browning, a figure skater in the highest Canadian tra-ditions. He has lived through a nightmare of a season, as the older of the men's world title infirm of body and empty of international achievement.

His only success had been in the Canadian championship, and even then there were those who felt that the title should have gone to Elvis Stojko. They may have been in-fluenced by Stojko's appealing youth, at 17, and by his evoc-

ative first name.
All this was forgotten on

Thursday night when Browning, six years Stojko's senior, but his young compatriot and all others emphatically in their place. The fears about Victor Petrenko, the Soviet winner of the silver medal, lacking stam-

ing and perhaps total commitment proved justified. Skating ment proved justined. Skating first in the last group, he opened strongly enough, with a stunning combination of triple axel to triple toe loop and followed that with a glittering triple lutz.

A double salchow signalled the first sign of doubt and a double loop reinforced it. Five triples even with his envisible.

triples, even with his enviable parity of edge, were not going to be enough if Browning could rise to his duty before an adoring massed audience. He did not fail them, not

unless you censure him for ducking his opening quadruple toe loop. Since he is the only person to have achieved it in competition that would have been unreasonable.
He went on to execute five

other clean triple jumps, not counting his second axel, which was faulty, and triumphantly

Legislators in a quandary

By Conrad Voss Bark

mworkable.

It was not only big be which was against it, as the Selmon and Trent Association has suggested, but small businesses as well, retail fish-

But perhaps even more im-portant, if possible, than the lack of a consensus was the growing conviction that, though dealer licensing might change the direction of the black marthe direction of the black mar-ket, it was doubtful whether it would limit its extent. It was a pity that this had not been discovered before dealer licens-

licensing was by the National Water Council - that each legally caught salmon should be tagged and it would be illegal to sell a salmon without a tag — was rejected by Whitehall.

The idea of clipping bits of metal on a salmon's fin created a great deal of hestility among fish farmers here and abroad who tagging thousands of tons of fish 'a year, and Scottish hirds feared that tagging would be used to limit their catches and

So now we are back to square ing became law.

Both the association and the It must be difficult to know what Atlantic Salmon Trust are now to do next to deter this particular urging the Government to bring form of private enterprise. Our in an effective alternative to ancestors tried hanging, mutiladealer licensing. There are, how-

Law Report March 10 1990 Chancery Division

Claim for prescriptive profit attaches to claimant personally and not land showed the centre line of the river and the northern boundary of the estate as running just 1970 from the personal representatives of his father, Mr Alan position to Mr Fairclough was in Scottish form and did not from the Earl of Tankerville

Levett and Another v Fairclough The Issues and Others

Before Mr Justice Mummery [Judgment March 1] A claim for a prescriptive profit gross at common law attached to the claimant personally, not to his land, and could not succeed if he failed to adduce evidence to show that either he and his ancestors, or some other person and his ant acquired title to the profit. had enjoyed the profit from nemorial or by lost

Accordingly, the defendants, nce of a deed, were unable to rely on prescription to assert that they had acquired a right to fish for salmon in that part of the River Tweed which

modern grant.

was in England. Mr Justice Mummery so held in the Chancery Division when granting an injunction, until the hearing of an appeal, to the plaintiffs, Jennifer Lovett, and Wark Farms Ltd restraining the defendants, Richard Fairclough, Peter Thomas, William Francis Yate and Emerald Securities Ltd. from trespassing over the centre line of the River Tweed. Nominal damages were also awarded to the plaintiffs and the defendants' counterclaim was

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr Seddon Cripps for the plaintiffs; Mr Benjamin Levy for the

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the dispute was about salmon fishing rights along a part of the River Tweed between Carham and Coldstream which had for many centuries formed the boundary between England and Scotland.

On the south bank of the river in Northumberland was the Wark estate of just under 1,000 acres. It was centred on the village of Wark-on-Tweed.

The plaintiffs who were entitled to the whole of the Wark estate claimed the exclusive right to fish for salmon by rod and line from the English bank

and up to the centre line. Those were called the South Wark Fishings which extended for about two and a quarter miles along the south bank of the river in the vicinity of Wark. On the north bank, in Berwickshire was the Hirsel estate. The defendants who ultimately derived title from that estate, claimed that they were entitled to the right to fish for salmon by rod and line from the northern bank and in that part of the river which was in

The plaintiffs did not dispute that claim. Those fishings were illed Upper North Wark

The issue in the action was the right to fish for salmon in common with the plaintiffs in a pool in the river known as Jeffreys Pool which lay on the

of the river The plaintiffs contended that the defendants had no right to fish there because they were entitled to the bed of the pool and to the exclusive right to fish in the water flowing over it. They claimed that the bed of the pool was in its entirety situated in England.

They asked the court for a declaration that the defendants had no right to cross over the centre line into their fishery, for an injunction restraining them from trespassing and for

they had committed an act of trespass and asserted that they were entitled to a prescriptive right to fish in Jeffreys Pool in common with the plaintiffs, invoked a succession of estoppels to the same effect and counterclaimed for a declaration that they were entitled to enter and fish in Jeffreys Pool The parties were agre

1 The north bank and adjacent bed of the river of Upper North Wark Fishings were in Scotland. 2 The south bank and adjacent bed of the river of South Wark Fishings were in England.

3 The boundary between England and Scotland ran along a line drawn somewhere between the two banks of the river. 4 The court did not have jurisdiction to determine an action between private individ-

uals which had as its object the resolution of a dispute as to title to, or right to possession of ble property situated in 5 Rights in and over immovable property were generally gov-

erned by the law of the country where that property was The South Wark Fishings The defendants did not dis-pute that the title deeds to the Wark estate were effective to

vest in the plaintiffs the title to and right to possession of the bed and soil of that stretch of the river in so far as it was situated They accepted that that,

prima facie, carried with it the right to fish for salmon in the water flowing above that part of the river bed. The Wark estate, including those fishing and river rights was acquired by Sir Henry Samman on April 22, 1920 from

the Earl of Tankerville. The conveyance expressly in-cluded half of the bed or soil of

south of Jeffreys Isla

On November 29, 1960 Mr Rowland Lovett, the first plantiff's father, acquired the Wark estate from Sir Heary Samman. Mr Lovett ultimately btained vacant possession of the land about May 1981 following the death of a tenant The estate was vested in the

joint names of Mr Lovett and his wife, Jane. By an agreement dated October 25, 1983 they granted a tenancy of the esta including the river area and fishing rights, to their daughter, Miss Jennifer Lovett, the first plaintiff, and Wark Farms Ltd.

the second plaintiff. Finally, on November 5, 1984, Mr and Mrs Lovett conveyed to Miss Lovett the free-hold in the Wark estate by The defendants denied that ference to the conveyance in

1960. and Mr Lovett's ownership the South Wark Fishings were fished mainly by fishing tenants and licensees of the estate. After long breaks from fishing since the mid-sixties Miss Lovett resumed fishing at South Wark only last year. Mr Lovett died on November 5, 1985.

Upper North Wark Fishings
The plaintiffs did not dispute the defendants' claim to the possession of the Upper North Wark Fishings so far as those fishings were situated in Scotland

His Lordship had no jurisdiction to determine the devolution of title to land or right to fish in Scotland.

The defendants did not claim that they had acquired any right under Scots law or by virtue of Facts Scottish dispositions. They did not even claim to be entitled to the bank, bed or soil of any part of the River Tweed either in Scotland or England They claimed the right to fish

in the river in Scotland and to fish in Jeffreys Pool. His Lordship was only concerned with the latter claim which was based on English law. The defendants were mem-

bers of an English partnership formed in June 1984 between three individuals and a British Virgin Islands company to carry on the salmon and sea trout fisheries known as Upper North Wark Fishings.
Title was acquired by them as result of a disposition in

Fairclough, on May 12, 1983 by Mr George Stott. Mr Fairclough held the rights acquired by him in trust for the partnership. Mr George Stott acquired the fishing rights in the northern stretch of the river on August 27,

onish form made in favour of

the first defendant, Mr Richard

the Upper North Wark Fishings by a disposition in Scottish form in his favour on February 11, 1961 by Douglas and Angus Estates, a company which, it was accepted, was controlled and owned by members of the Home family and had been heritable proprietor since January 24, 1983 of estates in Scotland formerly belonging to the thir-teenth Earl of Home including

the lands of Hirsel. It was not disputed by any of the parties that, so far as they were concerned, the Douglas and Angus Estates was entitled to the northern bank of the river and to the river bed and soil of the Upper North Wark Fishings

Defendants' submissions The defendants submitted that the plaintiffs were not entitled to prevent them and their tenants and licensees from fishing for salmon by rod and line in Jeffreys Pool and the exclusive right to fish in it.

I They put the plaintiffs to proof of their title to god cith! to of their title to and right to immediate possession of Jef-freys Pool and the exclusive

right to fish in it. 2 They claimed to be entitled by common law prescription and lost modern grant to fish for salmon by rod and line in Jeffreys Pool without stint in common with the plaintiffs. As the right was not claimed to be appurtenant to any land in England (or in Scotland) it was a claim to a profit in gross.

3 The plaintiffs were estopped in perpetuity from asserting that the defendants had no such

There was no serious conflict of evidence about fishing in Jeffreys Pool over the last 70 years or so. The facts were as 1 From 1918 until 1961 Jeffreys

Pool was fished for salmon without challenge by the present Lord Home of Hirsel and other members of the Douglas-Home family. Fishing was by rod and line from Jeffreys Island and also by boat moving from end to end downstream on the southem side of Jeffreys Island. 2 Jeffreys Pool was also fished from the southern bank and from a boat by the owners of South Wark Fishings, their ten-

period.

3 As from 1961 until September 1966 Mr Alan Stott fished the pool for salmon and also with his son Mr George Stott from 1962 until 1966. 4 Mr George Stott continued to fish until spring 1983 when he sold his rights in the Upper North Wark Fishings to Mr cover rights in or over land in

England.
5 The dispute between the parties about Jeffreys Pool arose in 1983 when Mr Lovett and his daughter for the first time appreciated as a result of a survey in late 1982 that Jeffreys Island was intersected by the centre line in the river and that in fishing the Jeffreys Pool, boats from Upper North Wark Fishings were coming over to the south side of the centre line.

They therefore asserted by letter of October 3, 1983 a claim for trespass against the defen-dants. Prior to that Mr Alan Stott and after him Mr George Stott on the one band and Mr Lovett on the other all believed mistakenly that boats from Upper North Wark Fishin per North Wark Fishings could enter Jeffreys Pool and fish from there without crossing to the south of the centre line.

In order to succeed in a claim for trespass the plaintiffs had to establish that they were entitled to immediate and exclusive ession of the river bed lying below the water in Jeffreys Pool. For that purpose they relied on their title deeds and on the presumption that in the case of a non-tidal river such as the Tweed at that point and in the absence of evidence to the

contrary: I the boundary of their estate lay in the middle of the river, 2 the bed of the river up to the centre line belonged to them as riparian owners, and 3 as the owners of the bed they were also owners of the fishing

in the water above it. His Lordship said that the position of the boundary along that very stretch of the river had already been the subject of a judicial decision in the House of Lords in litigation between the predecessors in title of the plaintiffs and the defendants: see Duke of Roxburgh v Earl of Home ((1774) 2 Paton 358) where it was successfully argued

"The boundary on the River Tweed between England and Scotland is and always has been a line drawn along the middle of the river. Whatever happens on the south side of that line must be governed by the laws of England; and whatever is done on the north side of that line must be regulated by the laws of Scorland.

been accepted since the House reversed the decision of the Court of Session. The boundary line between England and Scotland was therefore settled between the parties since the defendants derived

That argument must have

who was also a party to the case.

Further there was no diffi-culty in ascertaining the geographical position of the centre line. It had been plotted on every edition of the Ordnance Survey maps since 1858. The current edition showed that the middle line ran to the north of Jeffreys Pool and intersected the southern part of the shore of Jeffreys Island.

His Lordship concluded therfore that the plaintiffs had established that they were entitled to immediate possession of the bed of Jeffreys Pool and subject to the claims of prescrip tion and estoppel, the right of fishing for salmon in the water flowing over it.

Prescriptive profit in gross The defendants' main line o defence assumed that the bed of Jeffreys Pool was in England and that the plaintiffs were entitled to immediate possession of it and to the fishing in it, but asserted that they had acquired a right to enter the pool in a boat and to fish in it for

common with plaintiffs They claimed a profit in gross piscary in common and without stint. In his Lordship's judgment they had failed to establish such

a right. There were two serious difficulties in the way of that contention which both stemmed from the fact that they were claiming a profit in gross and not a profit appurtenant to any land of theirs: 1 The fact that there was no deed vesting the profit in them and executed in their favour by a

2 They were not entitled to make good the absence of such a deed by simply adding up the years during which persons other than themselves had fished in Jeffreys Pool.

person entitled to such a profit

No one who might be entitled to a profit in gross over Jeffreys Pool had executed a deed granting that right to the defendants. The dispositions of the Upper North Wark Fishings were all documented in Scottish form relating to land, or rights over land, in Scotland and not to land in England such as Jeffreys Pool. The defendants coud not therefore claim any right from Mr George Stott in reliance on

the 1983 disposition by him. As regards a deed and assign-ment dated February 14, 1990 made by the Douglas and Angus Estates in favour of Mr Fairclough - that deed did not vest in the defendants a profit in gross to fish in Jeffreys Pool vest in Mr Fairclough such right, if any, as the company had over land in England. It had

No prescription

overcome the lack of a deed by relying on long user based on common law precription or lost modern grant. The defendants accepted that they could not succeed by

The defendants sought to

simply relying on user by them-selves and their tenants since that only began in 1983. They therefore also relied on e acts of Mr George Stott and his father which added together extended over more than 20 years. They further relied on the acts of Lord Home and mem-

bers of the Douglas-Home family. That argument was fallacious. It ignored the crucial difference between a profit which was appurtenant to land and a profit in gross which conferred benefits on a person as such and not as owner of land.

Adverse possession It was true that in cases of adverse possession a squatter could transfer to a purchaser a right to the land as good as his own. A person lacking a squat-ter's interest in the land could add the squatter's prior period of possession to his own period of possession if and when he pleaded the Limitation Act in defence to a claim by the true owner to recover po

the land. That was not a good general analogy. It ignored the fun-damental distinction between limitation and prescription. whereas limitation was extinctive.

The difference could be illustrated by the fact that in the period of long user during which there was a potentiality of acquiring an easement or profit the person prescribing, unlike the squatter, had no interest known to or protected by law. There was either an easement

or profit or there was not: see Greenhalgh v Brindley ([1901] 2 Ch 324, 328). In the case of easements and profits appurtenant to land the user relied on for prescription, so long as it had been continuous and uninterrupted, need not have been exercised by the same

person throughout the whole

The periods of user by different owners could be added together and relied upon by the person whose right was

In his Lordship's judgment that exercise was not permissible in the case of a plea of a prescriptive profit in gross because the prescription was in

to a profit in gross was that the whose heir he is" from time immemorial used to have the

Alternatively, if the claimant was not claiming personally or through his ancestors through an assignment he had to grantor and his ancestors from-time immemorial or by virtue of a lost modern grant: see Welcome v Upton ((1839) 5 M W 398); ((1840) 6 M W 536).

In the present case the defen-dants could not rely on user of Jeffreys Pool by Mr George Stott and his father or by Lord Home and members of the Douglas-Home family.

Further, in the absence of an assignment of a profit in gross over Jeffreys Pool by Mr George Stott the defendants were not entitled to rely on alleged prescriptive user by Mr George Stott and his ancestors.

Despite pleas to the fairness and justice of the case and despite the flexibility of the despite the flexibility of the doctrine of estoppel in its different forms, the defendants had failed to establish that in all the conscionable or inequitable for the plaintiffs to exercise their legal rights in Jeffreys Pool against the defendants. Trespass by Scotland

The plaintiffs claimed an njunction restraining the defendants from trespassing over the centre line of the River Tweed. The only act relied upon was that of a servant or agent of the defendants rowing over the centre line into Jeffreys Pool and fishing there.

The parties were, however, agreed that there might be occasions when those using the Upper North Wark Fishings might wish to stand on that part of Jeffreys Island which was in Scotland or on the smaller island downstream also in Scotland and, if it was lawful to do so, to cast a line into Jeffreys Pool to fish there.

His Lordship was asked to decide whether that would fall within the terms of the injunction claimed. He decided it

Whether the act complained of would be a trespass had to be determined by English law since he had held that the bed of the pool was in England. That was so even though the act which resulted as a possible trespass originated with a person standing in Scotland and cesting his

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the installation of the Leuleu family, formerly of the Manoir at Hesdin l'Abbe, in Chez Jules, the large brasserie on the lower side of Place Dalton, the square which serves as Boulogne's Saturday market place. They have revitalized it and the restaurant, and made it into a lively, professional place worthy of its prime location - a good destination for large families, office parties and

lovers of heavy-laden plateaux

of fruits de mer.

If you have not done it before, take time to explore Boulogne's old town and to walk the ramparts. The museum, newly and attractively fitted into the handsomely repaired château, has some explanatory texts in English (more are promised) and benefits from bequests of local worthies' collections of faience, crystal and paintings (13 Corots, and representative pictures by Boudin and Sis-ley). Exhibits in the guardroom include, as the notice accurately states, "Holy Para-phernalia", and at the entrance you may see the old musical hall song sheet for Mr Lionel Barry's affectionate and popular ditty, Gay Boulogne. ("Oh! Boulogne's the place to be. . . If it weren't for my wife and 14 children I wouldn't go home any more.") If, unlike the melodious Mr Barry, you do tire of the town there are villages and un-

Canche, the Slack (yes, really) and the Wimereux, buried among the rolling Boulonnais hills. Among the prettiest are Le Wast (with a fine Gothic church), Wierre Effroy, Pernes, Crémarest in the forest of Desvres, and Wirwignes in the forest of Boulogne. For the pretty routes between Calais and Boulogne take the coast road, D940, in one direction and return via Guines and Rebertinque (D127) or, better still, Ardres, Licques and Hermelinghen (D224 and

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the Château de Montreuil collection of exotic wildfowl hotel will shortly be reopening after last year's disastrous fire; or take a meal at the quaintly charming Auberge de la Grenouillère at La Madelainesous-Montreuil, another chef, Jean-Marc Arcangeli. quondam fermette - by a cooked food no less divine sleepy, willow-hung river this than the name suggests. time - where the four bedrooms have been splendidly refurbished. The best is number 4, a timbered duplex at nearby hamlet of Salperwick £43 a night without breakfast.

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Thomas Cook reports that we are spending 20 per cent more on our bolidays this year. Britain's second largest travel agency says bookings for Flor-ida are exceptionally heavy. Also selling well are Cyprus, the Greek islands of Skiathos, Mykonos, Skopelos and Poros and camping in France. So don't expect late bargains on any of these. If there are to be late discounts this summer. expect to find them on holi-

spoiled hamlets to explore in

the valleys of the Course, the

Turkey, none of which has sold well. Skiing conditions described as

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DUBROVNIK FESTIVAL: Yugoslavia's medieval city on the South Adriatic is closed to traffic as a mardi cras atmosphere takes cyres stmosphere takes cyres. This year's guests include Cabalié, Israel Symphony, and there will be a Slavonic Music Workshop. July 10-Aug 25: Old Sigurate 1, 5000 Dubrovnik (010 38 50 27996),

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Richard Strauss's own, this year with a new production of Orff's Trionfi: also Mozart, Strauss, Hindemith, Verdi, Wagner, etc. July 6-31: Bayerische Staatsoper, Postfach 745, D-8000 München 1 (010 49 89 21851). JMB offers a wide

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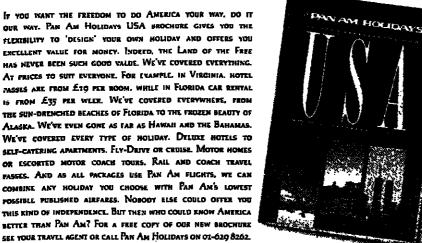
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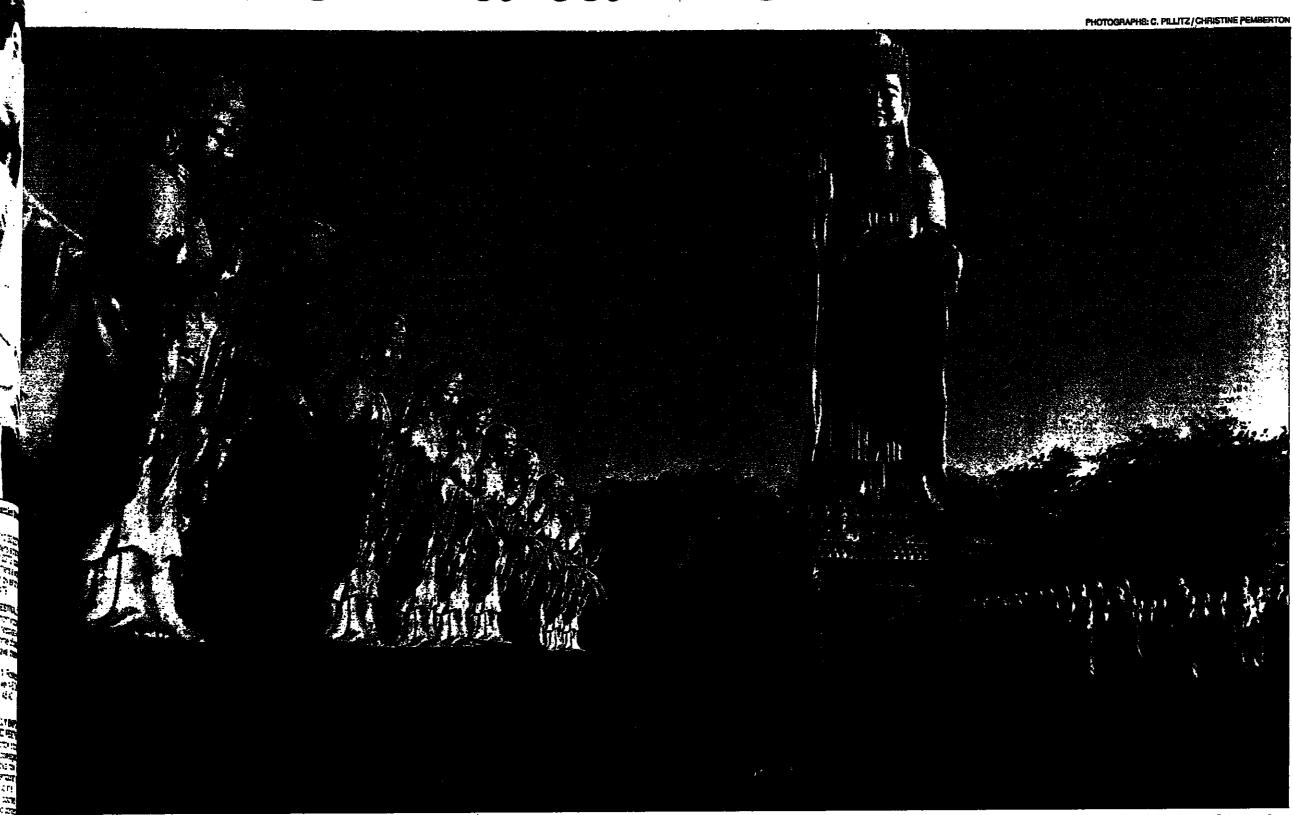
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Iome of the gods": the tallest (105ft) Buddha statue in Taiwan, surrounded by a phalanx of 480 life-size images of disciples, dominates the southern countryside around the Light of Buddha Mountain, the centre of Buddhist scholarship, at Fokuang-shan

magine 60 or 70 Sauta Clauses of both sexes in red satin smocks and trousers, with cottonwool beards insecurely beneath the chin, leapmerrily about a high then, in the same reet at the same time, an qual number of riot police arching grimly towards a nadblock topped with icked, razor-barbed wire.

It so happens that Christas Day in Taiwan is also onstitution Day, when the sirs to the original old men of e Kuomintang Party ritually affirm the faith that led eneral Chiang Kai-shek and s followers to establish their st redoubt here. For most of their grandfathers' time are icient history, yet it was only vo years ago that martial law as finally relaxed and a egree of legitimate political

> The result is a heady atiosphere, at once exhibitating and disconcerting, which ervades a society in the troes of breakneck economic evelopment.

pposition permitted.

Though you would never sess it from their repreintative office and cryptoonsulate in London's Regent treet, Taiwan has a tourist idustry. Nevertheless, it is ot a country to be sought out y the faint-hearted, the budt-conscious or the environientally sensitive. The inforlation provided for visitors their hotel rooms places far Hore emphasis on doing busiess than on sightseeing. The seemingly impossible spaces talogue of enterprises lists and get about somehow. verything from contrivances л fixing wire around chamagne corks to do-it-yourself

irgical instrument kits. Taipei, the capital, is of ourse not the whole of Taian, which in the south offers nral scenery and dedicated oliday resorts. The island is your the size of The etherlands, with a youthful opulation rapidly approaching 20 million. Most are splaced the indigenous peo-sits in the corner, amid show-

James Melville, in Taipei,

braves the noisy, dollar-

driven infancy of Taiwanese

ple of whom some 300,000

tourism

survive as a tourist attraction. The élite — the Taiwanese are accustomed to being e population, those events dominated since the Japanese ran the place from the mid-1890s until the end of the Second World War – are the "mainlanders", who constitute the political establishment and still dream of reunification with China on their own terms - putting their New Taiwanese dollars where their mouths are by com-

mitting nearly 40 per cent of the

national income to defence.

Taipei lies towards the northern tip of the island and is unquestionably where the action is. More than three million people live and work in what must be one of the nois iest, dirtiest and most polluted urban environments in the world. The traffic is locked pretty well solid day and night, but kamikaze taxi drivers and moped riders in their thou-sands hurl their vehicles into

Taxi drivers are a special breed and most of the journey is enlivened by offers to drop in on the way to see a friend who can quote keen prices on genuine fake Cartier watches. Pierre Cardin umbrellas and other desirable accessories.

There are no shopping streets as such. Luxury hotels and exuberantly decorated restaurants are squeezed in cheek by jowl among open-Taiwanese", the descendants fronted workshops in which I the Chinese from Fukien men may be seen turning rovince who colonized the important-looking chunks of land 300 years ago. They





Military reminder: mainland China is only 81 miles away

ers of sparks, producing knitwear for export, with blithe disregard for industrial safety.

Although reports of street crime are exaggerated, a lethal combination of potholes, carelessly parked motor-scooters and assorted debris cancels any idea of a quiet stroll. Even the occasional tree looks unequal to the struggle for survival. Retailing is mostly carried out on "pile 'em high, sell 'em cheap" lines, and the art of window-dressing is in its most nascent form.

The city boasts few major buildings. One is the enormous and spectacularly vulgar Grand Hotel; another is the Chiang Kai-shek memorial hall, a third the main railway station, which contains a variety of boutiques and restaurants. Here the fashionconscious young may shop for the fake leopard-skin hot that are all the rage, or drop in at "Feeling Coffee" or "Feeling Steak" for refreshment

It is all too easy to make fun of the fractured English be-Asia, but it is nevertheless rewarding to glance up at the signs that festoon every building and spot delightful exam-Analytical English" and "Peter Pan Dental Clinic".

The jewel in the somewhat tarnished crown of Taipei's tourist attractions is the National Palace Museum, which houses a magnificent collec-tion of Chinese art, archaeology and costume. An oasis of efficiently administered calm, it is set away from the huggermugger mess of the city proper on a specious hillside site.

he permanent collection is so vast that only a part of it can be displayed at any one time, but there are always specialist ex-hibitions, whether of calligraphy over the centuries or aspects of life at the imperial court and ancient divination techniques. The museum has a small coffee bar, shops selling a wide range of slides, reproductions and books, and an impressive translation facility, which is a blessing for those of us unhandy in Mandarin.

Taipei is so nice when you are not there that you may be tempted to sign up for one of the half or full-day excursions offered by the bus companies. The one I chose took in the northern tip of Taiwan and involved a quick look at the port city of Keelung and the 72ft statue of Kuan Yin, the goddess of mercy who presides on a hill overlooking the city, but was not able to

provide benign weather.
At the second stop, other brave souls leant into the teeth of the rain and wind to view rocks weathered into implausible likenesses of the head of Nefertiti and so forth. For me, lukewarm Chinese wine in a little cating house constituted a much more powerful and memorable attraction.

TRAVEL NOTES

 Cathay Pacific Airlines (01-930 8031) flies to Taiwan via Hong Kong; first class £3,315 return, Marco Polo class £1,868, Pex from £753.

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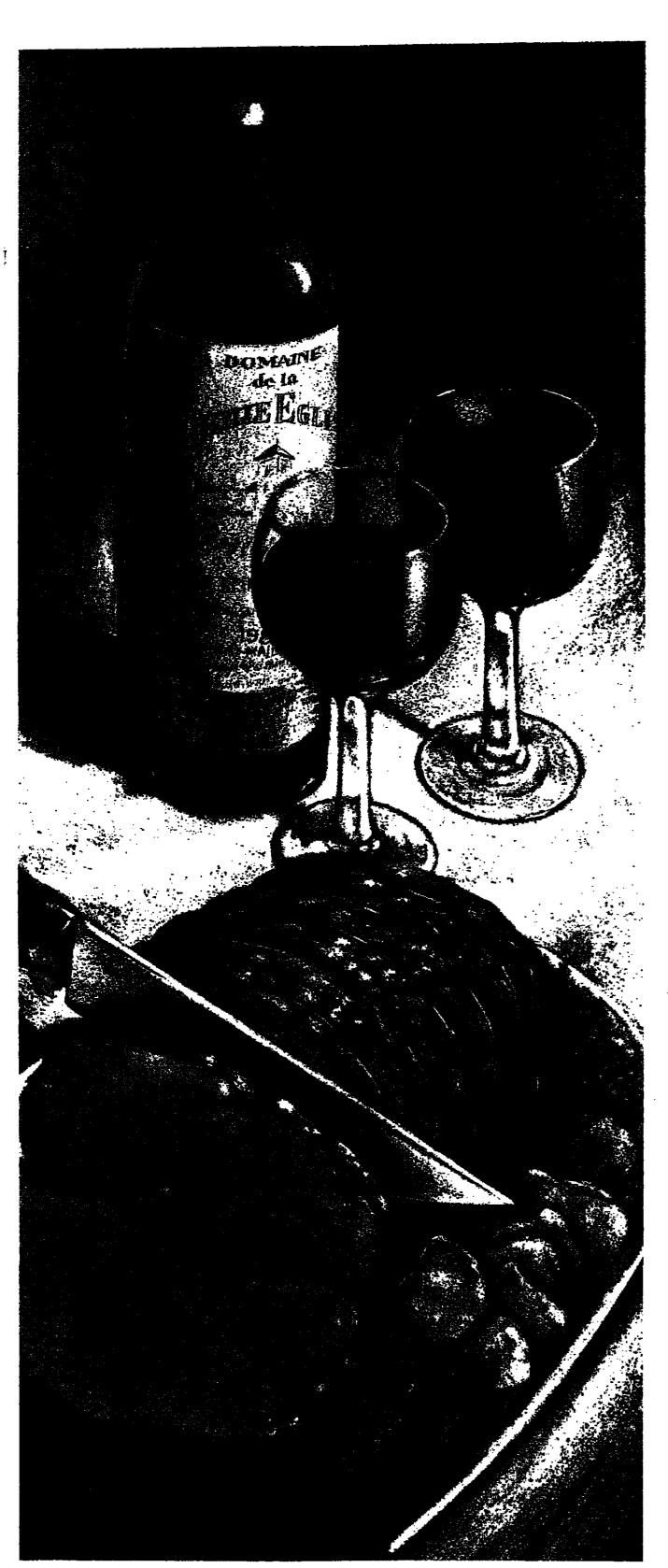
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